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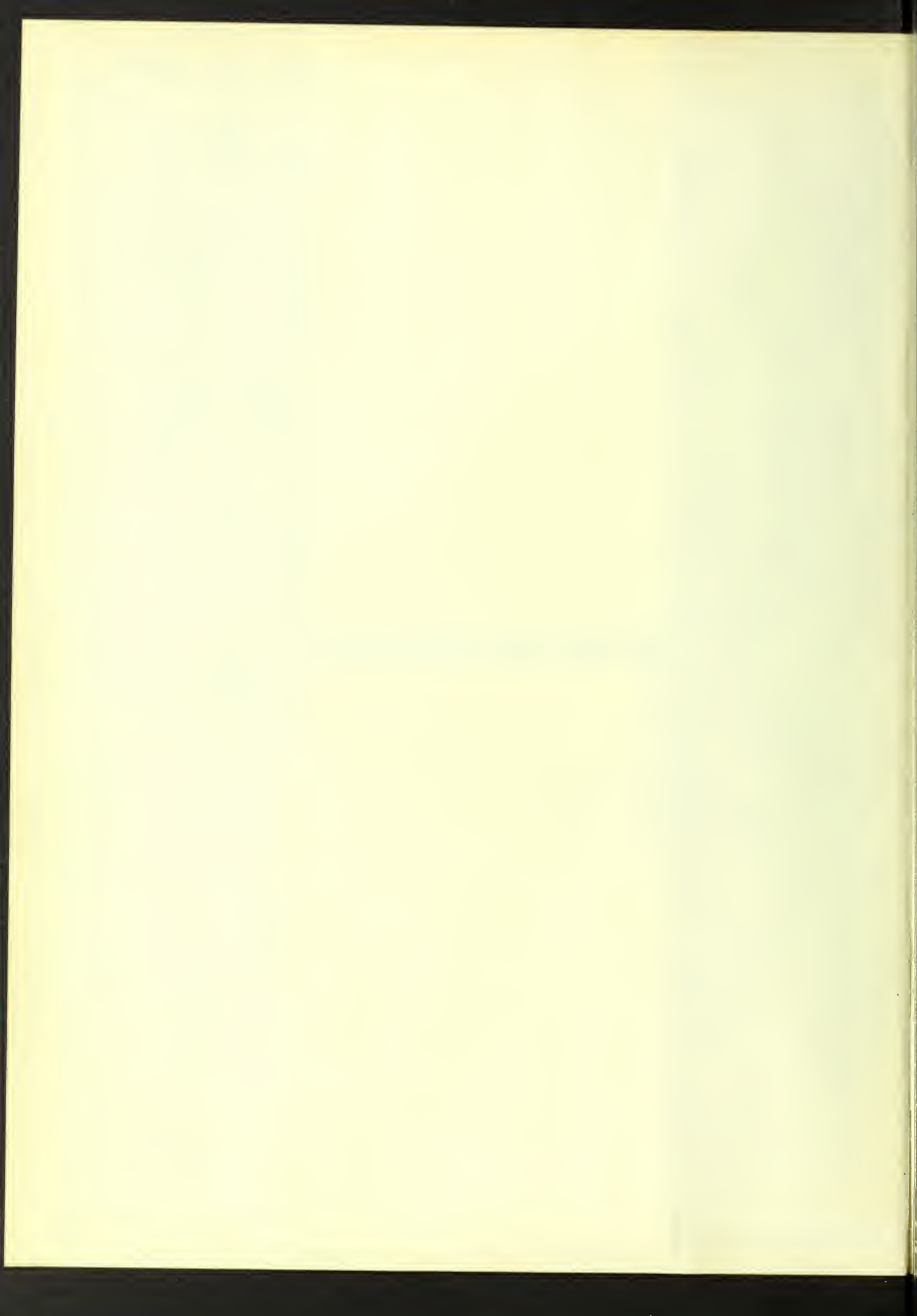
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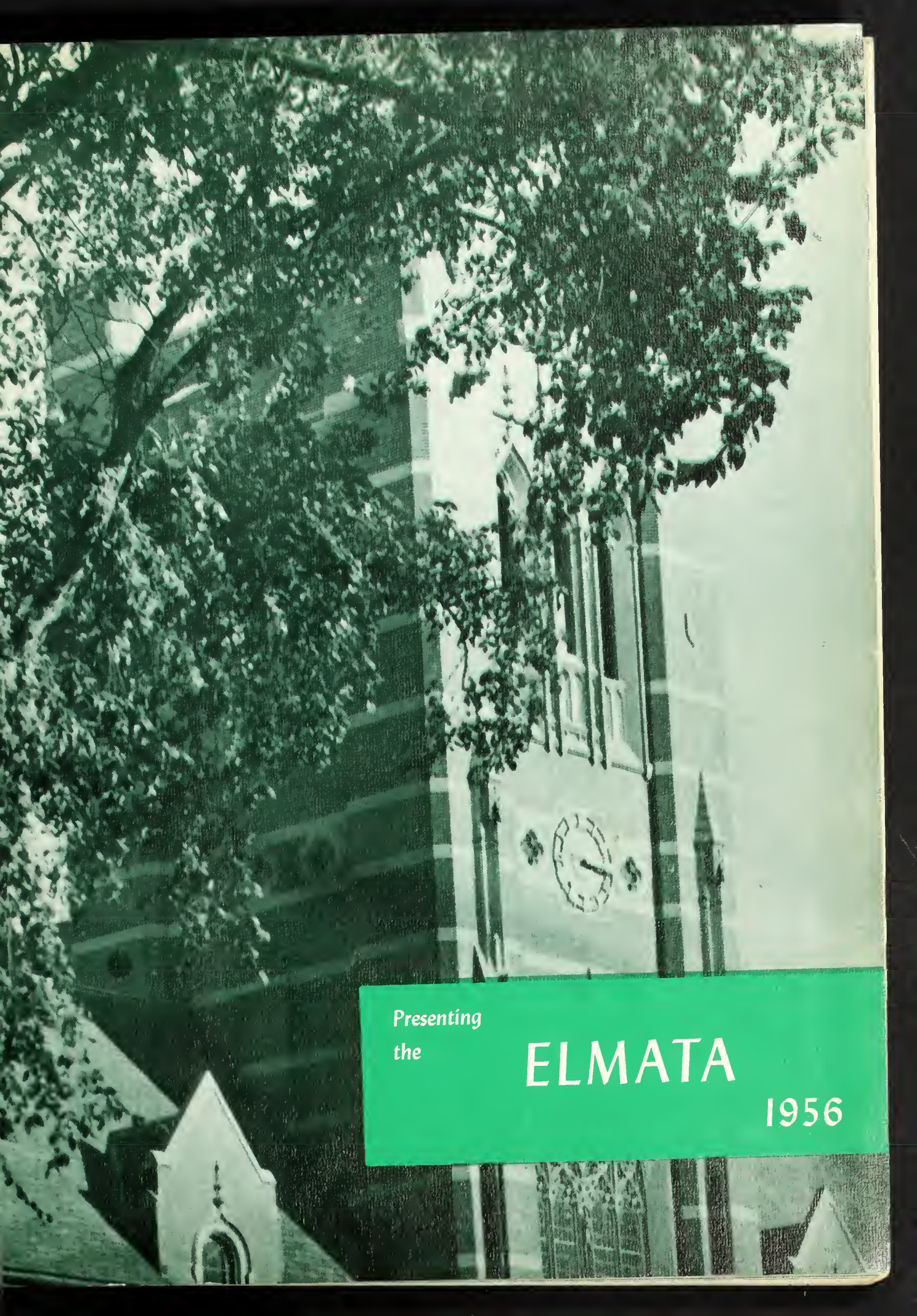
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DEDICATION

Laus tibi, Christi!

We praise Thee, O Christ!

In study, recreation, prayer.

It is You, our Cross,

After Whom we seek in all things

And so, it is that after these

Our four and formative years of

Quietude and growth

We place our lives in Your

Creative Hands as Guideposts

To a future mirrored in our eyes by a light

As yet untarnished and

Unaltered by a swift-paced,

Changing world.

We walk away, our steps never faltering

But slow-paced, into this world

Where our soul cry will be

For these four years and all they gave

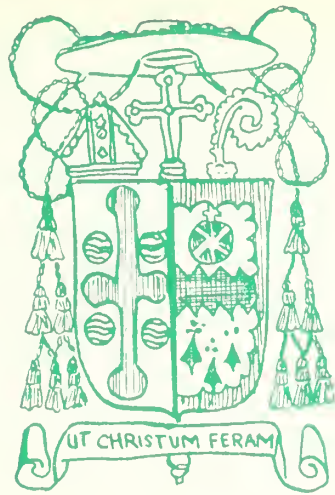
Laus tibi, Christe!



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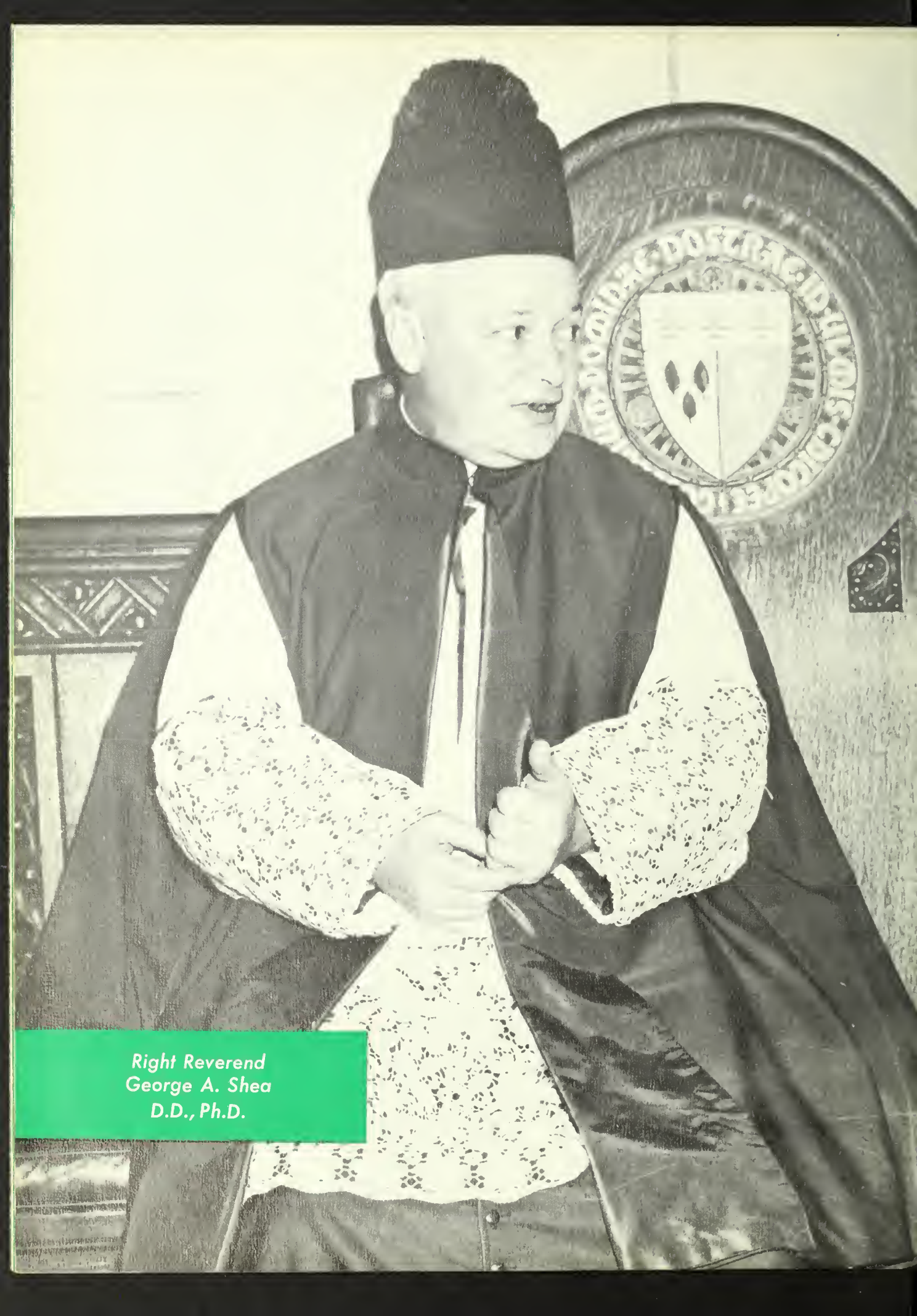




*Through his guiding love
We stand
Ever waiting, ever willing
To give praise to Thee, O Christ.*

*For time is not eternity
And the Valedictory but to be
Expected.
Therefore, take this, the token
That you have borne
Him
To confiding hearts.*

*Let not your direction
Be lost
To us who must traffic the stream
Of mundane secularism
To arrive at our Home,
To chant
Our chorus:
Laus Tibi Christi!*



Right Reverend
George A. Shea
D.D., Ph.D.



Ask the little ones from his parish school as they hasten home why they are so happy. They will tell you that the pastor came and saw them that day. Ask anyone who knows him why they are so at peace, and they will tell you that they talked with him at length recently.

There is an air of kindness and tranquility that pervades the very atmosphere in which he walks. This air of absolute serenity which surrounds him comes from the knowledge he acquired in order to serve God and from the wisdom that has come in serving Him. Because he sought the Truth with an open, scholar's mind, he found in Truth the reward that comes from submitting to His will in all things.

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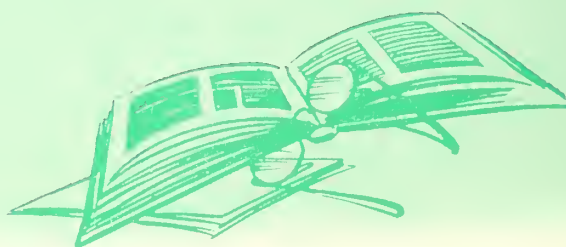
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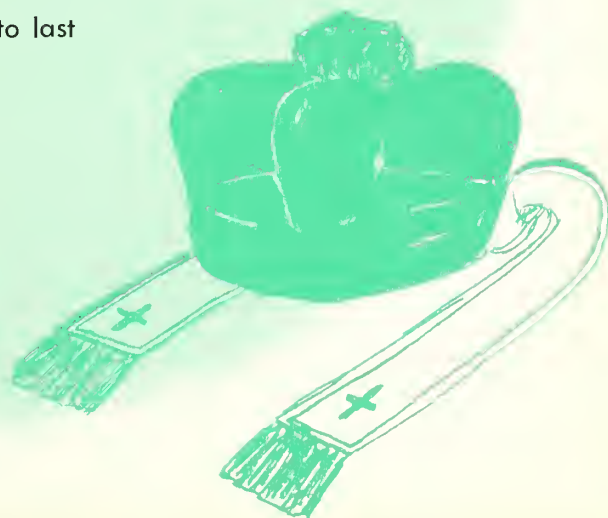


We will not remember every
Truth you have ever taught us,
And we doubt that this
Was your intent. But of one truth
You may be sure. We will
Remember.

We will recall that it was you
Who gave us our example in all things —
In study; recreation; and in prayer.

We watched you walk through the
Exact same halls as we, and
Yet there was a difference, for you
Always did remember who *you* were
And what should be *our* role.

Because we were allowed,
If only for a little while
To know you and to see you day to day,
We gained enough in memories to last
Us for a lifetime.
For this we pray,
Laus tibi, Christe!





REV. THOMAS B. PIERCE
Religion, Chaplain

Father's guileless nature meets the world with boyish grin and jaunty, lighthearted step; seeking to remedy all minor ills by cheerfulness. If Father's life has known much of shadow, it has been lightened to a point the world may not see, or even guess it there, except that all men know it. We see only lightness there, perhaps, only per force of this same cheerfulness.

An outstanding characteristic of Father Pierce is his sincere interest in people — all people. It is not strange then that Father's favorite pursuit is furthering the knowledge, practice, and love of the liturgy. For here in praising God he knows all people meet. Those he knows and holds dear, those he'll never meet, those he has yet to meet someday. Here he finds a common ground to know them all a little better. Father meets and talks with everyone quite easily; for it is not easy to talk to a person, when you have just been talking, as he has, to God with him?



REV. JOSEPH A. BURKE
Religion



Father Burke is like the swiftly flowing stream. It laughs and sings quite merrily, but beneath the surface lies deep and still. Father has made many a day more pleasant for us by the sunshine of his ready laughter. In between his pleasant quips he has given us a deeper joy, more steady, to cling to if we will, a joy to walk with us in all the paths we will ever have to tread, bumpy or smooth. It is in these moments that one sees the beauty of the deep silence of his soul.

One glimpse of this silent reservoir and you perceive that it is the source of all that Father is. You know why the keenness of the sparkle in his eye, why the happy, ready laughter. It accounts too for the seeming boyishness of his manner and appearance. Paradoxically it is maturity that causes the boylike exuberance and radiating cheerfulness of soul. Having put "first things first", he helps us, too, to build a strong reservoir of faith.



REV. ROBERT H. STAFFORD
Philosophy



With boyish charm and a warm smile of greeting for each and every Elms girl Father Stafford has breezed his way into our hearts and planted there the seed of reverent love reserved for our philosophy professors because they understand the quirks of the feminine mind when assimilating their favored subject.

With a twinkle in his eye (and is that a ghost of a smile I see hovering on his lips?) he listens to "why we can't have the test Friday" and "why I didn't have time to study last night" — and gives in every time. His patient explanations always elucidate even the most obscure theses.

A perpetual aura of quiet friendliness surrounds our Father Stafford and endears him to all his earthly as well as heavenly associates.



REV. ROGER L. VIAU
Philosophy

There is not an adage to describe him. His very being defies any combination of words in any language to do him justice.

From the moment that he enters (with hand to forehead in a characteristic gesture known only to us who have seen it) until the final bell and "Well, that's the way it goes," the class takes on an air of interest and awareness that attests his thorough knowledge of the subject at hand.

His notes, meticulous and exact hint of the preparation which goes into every class and every other thing he does for us. Because he shows us so much care we truly call him "Father."





REV. THOMAS F. DEVINE
Education

Father's character shows many different facets. The underlying spark beneath them all comes from the joy he has at having a firm hold on the way to happiness.

A soft, half chuckling tone weaves its way through his speech letting some of this same joyousness spill over in expression. In his more pensive moods one senses his keen delight at weighing thoughts. Each new idea gathered from his musings brings note of happy discovery to his face. Eyes alight, the mouth twitches quickly upward in lines of pleased satisfaction. This thoughtful sensitivity finds great beauty in all the little things: trees bowed gracefully to autumn wind, the relaxed sound of hearty laughter, the pleasantness of a pulsating rhythm.

If one has seen his gaunt figure bowed, the laughter lines fled from round his mouth, as he makes the stations of the Cross; one knows that he is seeing with Christ all the emptiness of the multitude crying out its need. He turns then and brings them Christ by the teaching of his actions.



REV. VINCENT O'CONNOR
Sociology



Father's keen glancing eye looks analytically at warped humanity and by the strength of his own soul's straightness relieves its wretchedness. The gentleness of his warm smile and his easy going speech release the chains of worry and of fear, giving soothing, strengthening peace a chance to enter in. There in this peacefulness, Father plants a seed of love to bring hope and joy giving life to the weary soul.

Nourished and fed on Christ, Father reaches out to fill the lonely emptiness of hungry, barren souls crying out for life. He walks through the multitudes with Christ seeing the desperateness of their needs and the secret anguish of their hearts. Because he leaves a touch of Truth, of Love, behind, men's lives are happier for seeing Christ through him.

He teaches us to cultivate a pulsating sensitivity to the needs and loneliness of our fellow men. Having seen this need he leads us to the feet of Christ that we may be nourished and grow strong. Waxing strong he sends us forth to feed others by our strength.



CHARLES R. GADAIRE

Biology

Not a single budding young scientist does Doctor Gadaire intend should leave the Elms without first being thoroughly indoctrinated with the wonders of science and the challenge it offers. From freshman natural science, through physiology, bacteriology, embryology, and seminar, he makes us aware of the place in the world for the inquisitive mind.

Could it be the relaxed informality and lively discussions which spirit us on to interest in the latest virus or best way to make cottage cheese? And never losing his sense of dignity, he combines the wisdom of the truly learned with the jauntiness that only they can afford.

ROBERT I. O'HERRON

Chemistry

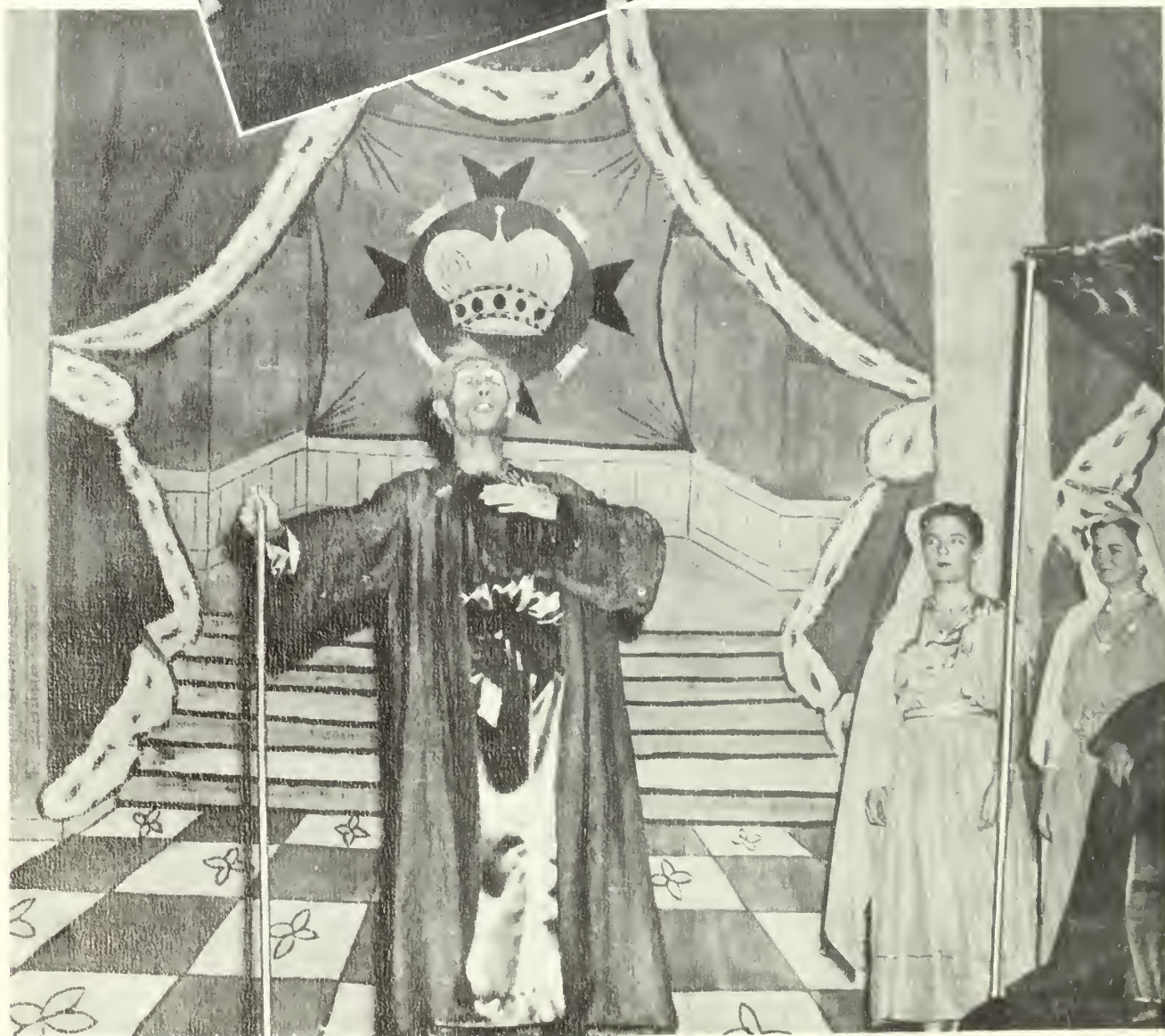
A calm quietness is the keynote of Mr. O'Herron's chemistry classes. It radiates from two sources: an efficiency born of thorough knowledge of his profession and a second, deeper cause; that of a firmly rooted, living faith.

Mr. O'Herron teaches us not only principles of chemistry, but, by his example, the principle of living Christianity. He looks at science with great childlike simplicity of heart and sees the wonder there. He conveys this sense of wonder to us by a word, a gesture, by the expression of interested delight on his face, causing you too to wonder, to respect, and to love the Cause of these phenomena.

To see Mr. O'Herron with his family is to see him at his best. His very masculine gentleness and heart rooted kindness are personified when he chuckles softly with a little laughing towhead who had shrieked, "Daddy," and hurled herself into his arms.







GUERDLINE K. CURRAN

This charming lady with a family of her own considers us as such also. And she will share a problem if it is burdensome, or a joy if it knows no bounds.

In her pattern there is a place for everyone, because she understands that for everyone to whom God has given abundant health, there is another one who bears part of the world's suffering. In this world where physical perfection is the standard whereby all are judged, neither one is neglected by Mrs. Curran.

From the "Test" she administers each year the very last class before Christmas, to the May-pole Dance that brightens the newly arrived spring, it truly can be said that hers is a life of dedication.

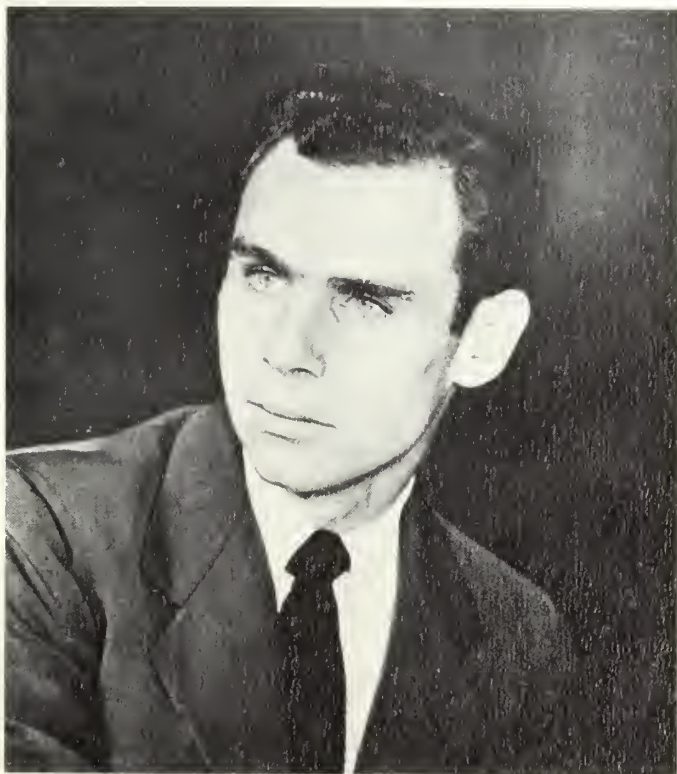


WALTER F. HALPIN

It is seldom that one can devote himself entirely to the perfection of his craft. And when anyone even undertakes this task, it is because his desire for this perfection springs from a love that is both for the work and for the One who is the master Worker.

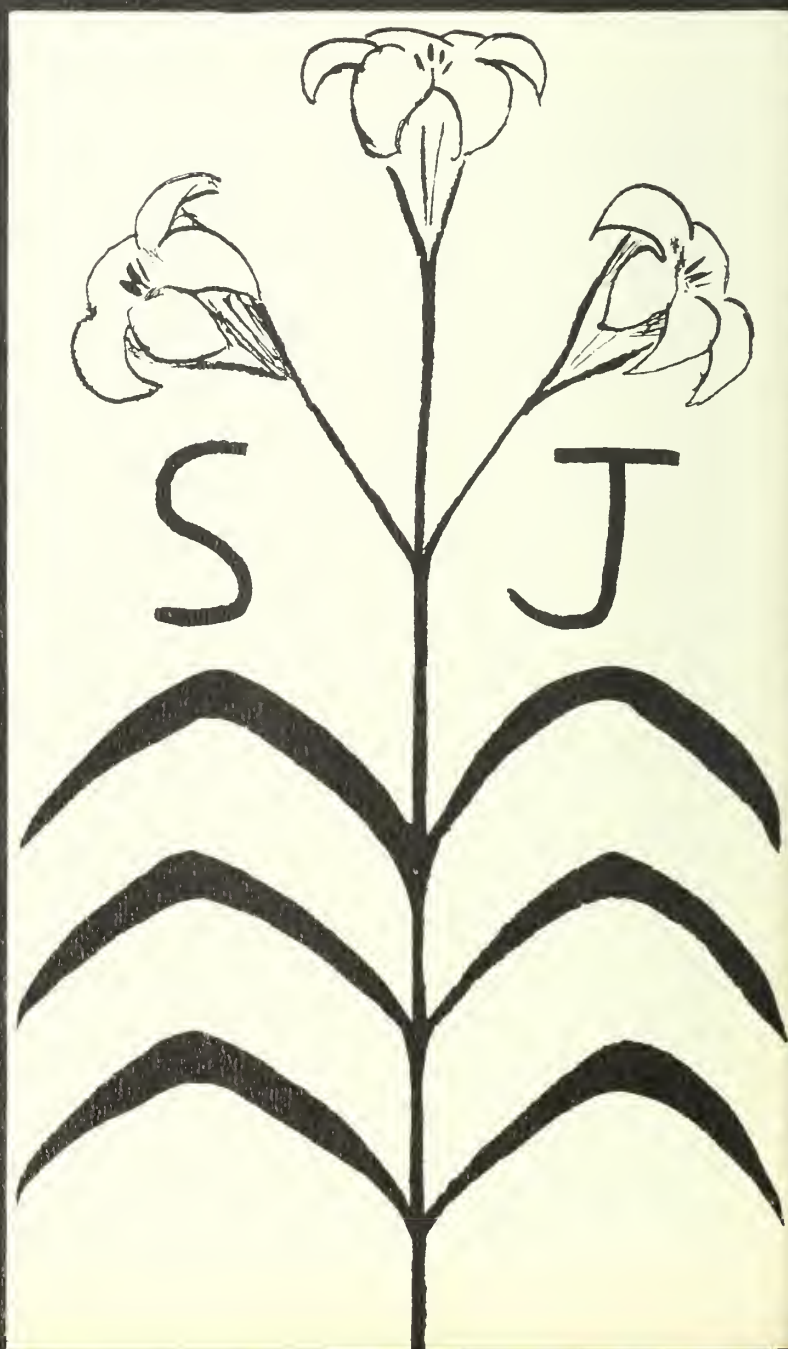
Yet we have been privileged to see one of these devoted people, one whose whole mind and soul are ordained to making his craft, the art of the theater, a part of us. This task was easier for Mr. Halpin because it is so much a part of him.

Whether acting or directing, whether in class or out, he is surrounded by an air of intensity which springs from a desire to give always of his best. This intensity cannot, however, mask the warm human quality that springs out at you when after a particularly long rehearsal he says quietly and concernedly, "Don't you think that you could rest awhile tomorrow morning? You look very tired."



—“Hail Delight of the Father

whence
knowledge
of God
hath flowed
to the ends
of the
earth.”





SENIORS

*We assumed the title eagerly
And savored every syllable
Of Senior.*

*We bore it as have others
With full realization that
This is a privilege granted
But for one year of our lives.*

*And thus it was but natural
That this new dignity fit
Differently on different shoulders
For this is and has been
Always in God's plan.*

*So after having worn the title
Protectingly like our cap and gown,
We leave it — our Seniorhood behind.
But the name and the accomplishments
Have been inscribed in our hearts,
In our lives, and in the Book of Life.*

*For what we are, and with Your aid, can be,
Laus tibi, Christe!*



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JOAN ELIZABETH BENEDICT
Springfield



Hers is the fantastic ability to
Accomplish much without excess
Energy or comment. She possesses
A personality that few can
Ever match although they struggle
For a lifetime. Intelligence and
Practical competence combine to
Bring to her a wit and way truly classical
And place her on the Way that all men seek.



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BARBARA JANE BRITT
Northampton

Innocent beauty, she stately walks
Through life; calmly penetrating
All matter, and lighting
The world by her lucid thoughts.
Quiet laugh and rose-hued cheek
Betray inner happiness
That kindled, sparkles in her eyes
And overflows in quick and graceful movement.
In her strong will, truth finds a foothold.





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CONSTANCE MADALYN BRUNET
Springfield

You have to know Connie to really
Appreciate what has been
Combined in her to produce
A quiet, thoughtful intelligence
With the ability to convulse
A group with wholesome, healthy laughter.
Levelheaded, she has accomplished
What all attempt, a true education
With as little fuss as the law will permit.



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JOAN VIRGINIA BRUNET
Springfield

Words are her tools,
To be turned into clever conversation
Or penetrating poetry, making one pause in
wonder.

A graceful wand of a girl, yet a lady,
Serene and confident, her laughter is
As refreshing as a spring breeze.
Maturity molds her life
And femininity her every gesture.

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SHIRLEY ANN CHAMBERLAIN
Springfield



An old-fashioned heart with modern tastes,
Her eager mind quickly discerns reality from
fantasy,

While a subtle wit penetrates to the core of
Any question and quickly resolves it.
Life thus becomes an exciting voyage
And romance can be found around any corner.
She greets each new day eagerly
And holds open house in her heart everyday.



LOUISE EVA CHAMPAGNE
Indian Orchard

A quiet lady with a fluent tongue,
Calm and unruffled; one suddenly
Becomes aware of a keen wit and contagious
laughter.

Precise in all she does,
Order is Heaven's first law and hers too.
Always ready with a helping hand,
Inward tranquillity shines in her eyes,
And tells that her steps are always toward the
Son.

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PHYLLIS ANN CIMINI
Pittsfield

Giving to all, not from herself, but of herself,
Kindness is her word.
She generates the sympathetic warmth
Of the hearthfire which welcomes
The weary winter traveler.
Mirrored in her eyes is a delightful spark
Of unsuppressable mischief, but still
More intense is the fire fed by three steady
lamps,
Faith, hope and love.



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BARBARA ANN CONGRAM
Fitchburg

Comfortable domestication,
At home with yarn and such,
She ever perceives that time
Mellows beauty into things grown old.
Hence, there are moments
When time stands still for her
That she may glimpse beauty otherwise hid.
With simple candor, she may argue you in
circles
'Til you fall victim to her sincere gentleness.

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BARBARA ANN CONLIN
West Springfield



Friendliness personified,
Her quiet quips provoke
Hilarity, and her graceful
Blushes warm one's heart.
Little girl, lost in the
Wonderland of life, she
Moves quietly but surely onward.
Her clear, calm eyes mirror
The sincerity and truth
Which live in her soul.



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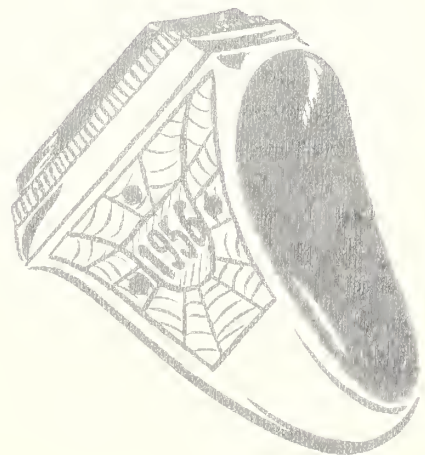
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MARGUERITE TERESA COTE
Springfield

Well poised mistress of many things
She converses, with effortless ease,
On politics, jazz, or the latest from Dior;
Then plunges deeper to theses of philosophy
Or newest theories from the science lab.
She searches to the roots of matter,
Then decisively, she states her thoughts
Upon them with unfeigned frankness.





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MARY FAITH CROWLEY
Forestville, Connecticut

Pilot at the helm of the ship '56
During a turbulent year, she guided
Hesitantly yet safely. No more can be asked.
Serene, comforting and gracious
Joy unbounded reflects from every facet
Of her being, ready to be shared
In one sweeping motion of friendship.



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THERESE MARY DOWD
Springfield

Frankness took up
Residence in her, and
When we needed an
Opinion unsullied by the
Trend of current thought, we went
To her. Beneath her blase,
Casual manner she hides a
Depth that her friends have seen
By simply looking in her eyes.

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JOAN MARIE DOYLE
Springfield



A helping hand
Always willing to do that
Extra thing that absolutely
Must be done is her great gift
To '56. When her smile
Lights up her face and she
Says even one word, we know
She really means it.



LOIS ANNE MARIE EISENMANN
Springfield

She has a whimsical
Nature that lends to everything
She does a truly childlike sincerity.
And she becomes alarmed if even
One of the least of God's creatures
Is hurt or does not have a friend.
Truly, age will not destroy her wonder
And she will ever remain young.

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MARY MALVINA FITZGERALD
West Springfield

Eyes glinting with surpressed merriment
Precede her warm smile and friendly greeting.
She understands exactly how to make you
Feel at home.
Every inch a lady, the courtesies she shows
And the manner of their execution
Belle calm depths of compassionate under-
standing
For a grief you do not wish to bear alone
Or a bright new joy you wish to share.



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MARY MARGARET FITZGERALD
North Adams

Perky and pert, reminiscent of a carousel,
To whom all the world is a symphony.
Her impish grin, too contagious to ignore,
Is sometimes hidden in moments of contemplation.

She unfolds each day some new source of
delight

By indelibly impressing all
With the magic of joy.

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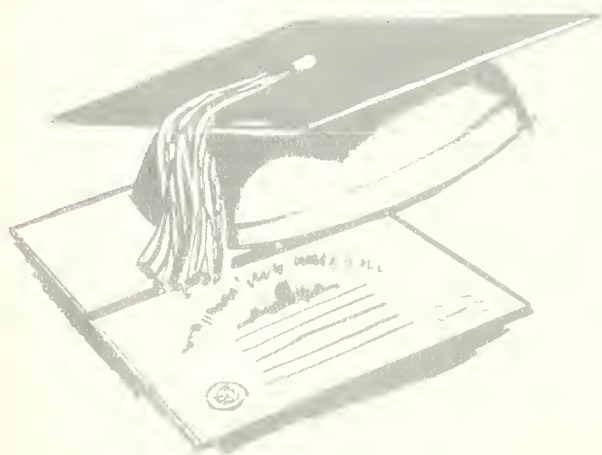
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SUSAN DULLEA FOOTIT
Springfield



"Susie", a missionary spirit
In a beautifully modulated voice,
An outspoken advocate of what is
Traditionally correct; respectful
And respected, she finds no
Problem insurmountable.
One can further say that no one
Is more polite or sensitive
To little things that others often
Miss. It was a pleasure to
See her walk among us.



ALICE THERESA GALLAGHER
Springfield

Precisely bandboxed beauty,
Sincerity asparkle in her eyes,
She paints for you a picture
Of soft colors.
Her hands are made for mothering
And all skillful homey arts
With which she makes expressed reality
Of the abstract, human sympathy,
That glows so warm within her heart.

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MARILYN GRACE GILMARTIN
Pittsfield

Sincerest of the sincere,
Calm as a peaceful breeze,
Unruffled by trouble,
She has an art for listening,
But also a level head for giving advice.
She speaks softly, yet her words
Have depth and comfort
And an abiding goodness.
A pleasure to know,
She is a friend to cherish always.



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CECILIA CHRISTINE GOONAN
Chicopee Falls

Quiet bit of sunshine that suddenly
Turns away the clouds with sudden quip
And mischief-sparked, bubbling spring of
laughter.

Calm acceptance of each day for what it is
Gives strength and unity to all her tasks.
She bends and offers all, quite simply,
By doing all the small things
Well.

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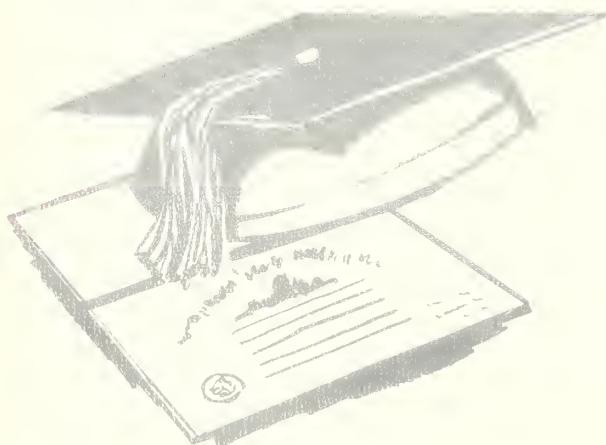
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ANNE MARIE GRIFFIN
Springfield



A tiny person with
The tiniest of voices
She graced our days with
A freshness and engaging sweetness
That brightened the dullest day.
Never known to anger or
To surrender to harshness,
She weighed all things before
She spoke and then gave an opinion.



MARY LOUISE GRIFFIN
South Hadley

It may be said of others
That they are diligent,
But she is their inspiration.
With a straightforward simplicity
And a smile. She will take
Time out to laugh with
Us, but when she knows
That she has left a task
Unfinished, she returns again
To get it done.

Sodality, Advisory Board 3, 4

NFCCS

C.C.D. 4

Cercle Francais 1, 2

Holyoke-Northampton Undergraduate Club 2,
3, 4

Sociology Club 2, 3, 4

Verdeoro 1, 2, 3, 4





Sodality

NFCCS

Springfield Undergraduate Club 3, 4

BARBARA JOAN GUYER
Springfield

A pertly tilted head, amused
Grey eyes, perky pony tail
And lilting laugh hide the savoir faire
Of a scientist. An eager listener
And a voluble speaker, this
Junior newcomer has found her place
As one of us. She leaves in passing
The haunting refrain of a pretty
Tune unwittingly disturbing tranquility.



Sodality

NFCCS

C.C.D. Club 4

Corte Castellana 2, 3(T), 4(VP)

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4

International Relations Club 4

Sociology Club 3, 4

Springfield Undergraduate Club 2, 3, 4(T)

Verdeoro 2, 4



TERESA ANN HARRIS
Chicopee Falls

Inquisitive mind reaches out
In search of life.
Finding it in knowing people,
She blends with them, and lives as one,
Joyfully giving of her deep contentment
In return for knowledge of the how's and why's
That make the world go 'round.
A quiet leader from whom deep knowledge
In wisdom can speak out.

Sodality, Advisory Board 3

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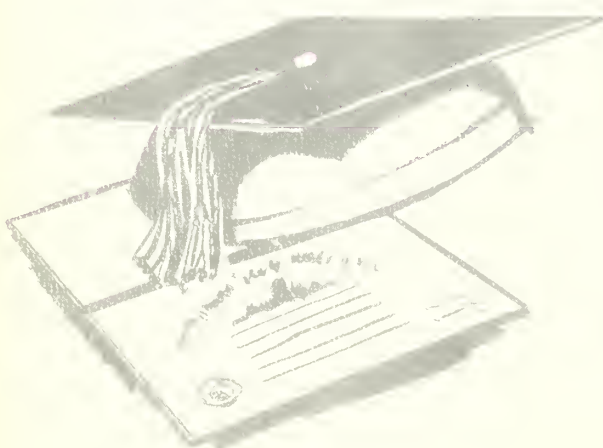
Glee Club 3, 4

Sociology Club 4

Springfield Undergraduate Club 2, 3(VP), 4



MARY ELIZABETH HOAR
Springfield



Reserved and always attentive,
She radiates that quality of quiet contemplation
Which springs from a deep and abiding peace.
Her tranquility reflects a sincere simplicity
And warmth of spirit often associated
With the favor of friendship bestowed.
These qualities express themselves on different
occasions
In different ways. Yet,
One always finds them present.



EILEEN COWENS KELLY
Springfield

Positive and precise,
Prompt and always poised,
Her exacting spirit was our example.
First things first is her belief
And she does them well
Down to the last tiny detail.
Assuredly, her life will continue
In this way, and when it ends
On her account will be
"She did her very best."

Sodality

NFCCS

Athletic Association 1

Cercle Francais 2, 3, 4

Corte Castellana 1, 2, 3(S), 4(P)

Glee Club 3, 4

Springfield Undergraduate Club 2, 3, 4





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NFCCS

American Chemical Society 3(T), 4(T)

Athletic Association 1, 2, 3, 4

Junior Prom General Chairman

Monsignor Doyle Science Club 1

Springfield Undergraduate Club 2, 3(P)

Student Council 1, 2

LORRAINE JUNE KELLY
Springfield

Sweet Lorraine of "Orchids in the Moonlight"
fame,
The perfect hostess to enhance the night of
nights,
She possesses that certain composure which
makes her
Equally at home among test tubes, smoker
parties
Or Holy Cross week-ends.
And yet, she looks beyond, waiting
And hoping for the fulfillment of lofty aspira-
tions.



Sodality

NFCCS

American Chemical Society 1, 2, 3, 4

Athletic Association 1, 2, 3, 4

Glee Club 1, 2

Initiation Co-Chairman

Verdeoro 4



JOA PATRICIA LAVERTY
New Providence, New Jersey

On wings of song and laughter
She searches for Truth, and finds It
In a spring morning or a rainbow.
A clever wit disguises, but cannot conceal,
The sympathy mirrored in clear eyes.
In love with life, she dresses
The drabest detail in beauty.
Her friendship is a priceless and enduring
Treasure, not lightly bestowed.

Sodality 1, 2(S), 3(VP), 4(P)

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Athletic Association 1, 2, 3, 4

C.C.D. Club 4

MJB Debating Club 1

Sociology Club 4

Student Council 4

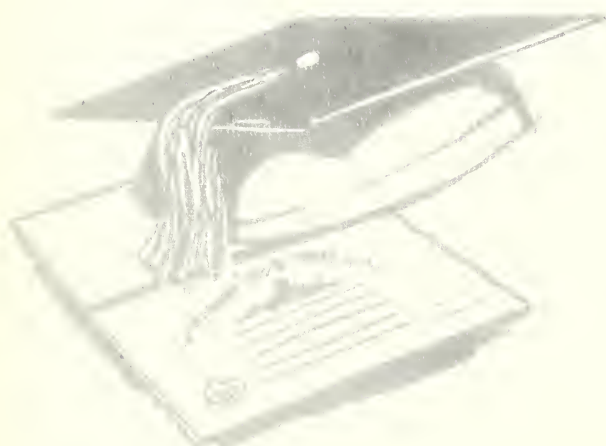
Verdeoro 2, 3, 4

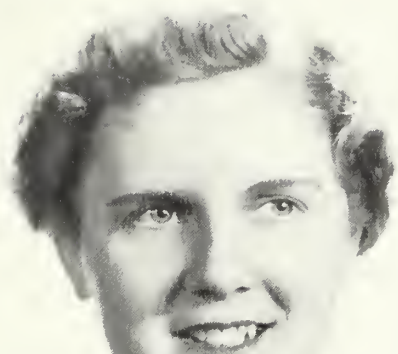
Who's Who 4



JANE MARIE LILLY
North Adams

A trace of whimsicality is but one facet
Of a captivating harmony sometimes termed
Her personality. A searcher
Reaching out to incorporate into her being
All that is sweet, all that is good,
Thus culminating in a subtle
Yet great depth of spirituality.
Rarely hidden are the soft aura of femininity
And the winsome ways of this
Lass with the delicate air.





JOAN GERTRUDE LINCOLN
Thorndike

Quietly she enters lives and warms
Them with wisdom and gentle humor.
Neat and nice, the mischievous twinkle
In blue eyes enhances her femininity.
She finds the Good in everything
While fingers brush over ivory keys
And pause to listen.
A lovely melody once heard lives on
In the heart always.

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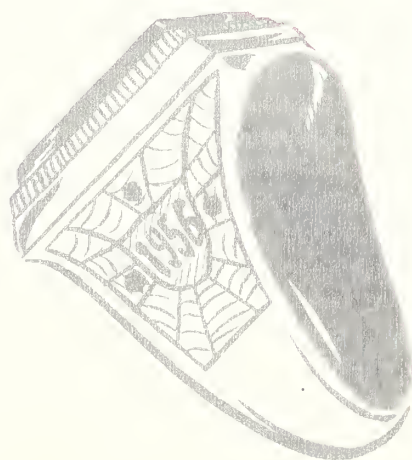
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Cercle Francais 1, 2

International Relations Club 3, 4(P)

Springfield Undergraduate Club 2, 3

Verdeoro 1, 3, 4(T)





Sodality, Advisory Board 4

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Glee Club, Accompanist 4

Sociology Club 2, 3, 4

MARY MARGARET MacDONALD
Springfield

Her look is wistful,
But her actions have a
Definite practical reality.
Like a Dresden figurine, her
Fragility has one wondering
How such strength can flow
From it. Still, she is not just
Light and daintiness, she is
Good and true and loyal, in short,
A lovely human being.



Sodality

NFCCS National Liturgy Chairman 3, 4

Athletic Association 1, 2, 3, 4

Corte Castellana 1, 2

Sociology Club 2

Verdeoro 1, 2, 4



JOAN MARIE MARBY
Pittsfield

Sugar and spice and everything nice;
Definite as an exclamation point,
And dainty as a bit of fine lace, is Joan.
Thoughtfully precise, she moves through life
With completely feminine logic.
A flair for fashion and philosophy,
Like quicksilver, eluding the grasp,
She leaves a lasting memory of light
And graceful motion.

Sodality

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Athletic Association 1, 2, 3

Cercle Francais 1

International Relations Club 4

Verdeoro 1, 2, 3, 4



JOAN MICHELLE McCABE
Pittsfield



Equally at home in a drawing room or a kitchen,
Her unique laughter polishes a dull day.
Outward sophistication masks a sentimental side
Of soft music and poetry as she walks
Casually yet carefully through life.
Her steady gaze searches for reality
And leaves behind shining memories of
A willing hand and generous heart.



MARILYN MARIE McCLERNON
Old Lyme, Connecticut

Sun bronzed; ruddy, wind kissed cheeks
Turned ever to the hopeful brightness
Of their polestar, sun;
Twinkling eyes that dance
In tune with an ever-present chuckle
Sprung from tap roots sunk deep in joy,
She leads one, in her enthusiasm, to love
The zest for sport and freedom of the open
air.

Sodality

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Class President 2

Athletic Association 1, 2, 3, 4

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4

Monsignor Doyle Science Club 3, 4

Sociology Club 2, 4

Student Council 1

Verdeoro 4





Sodality

NFCCS

Cercle Francais 1, 2(S), 3(VP), 4(P)

Corte Castellana 3, 4

Student Council 1, 2, 3(S)

Worcester Undergraduate Club 1, 2, 3, 4(P)

Verdeoro 1, 3, 4

JEAN THERESA MELOCHE

Spencer

Vibrantly alive, this is the
Comedienne par excellence of the contagious
Laughter that will ring in our memory
Long after the source has regained
Its calm repose. But when occasion
Demands it, she does always what is
Right and fitting with sincerity
And smiling eyes and a heart of purest gold.



Sodality

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A Cappella 3, 4

American Chemical Society 3, 4

Athletic Association 1, 2, 3, 4

Elmata Associate Editor

Glee Club 2

Verdeoro 4



ELLEN ANNE MOORE
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Sunshine and showers, laughter and tears,
She looks with delightful uncertainty toward
The future. A hidden spark of poetry
Blazes up on occasion like violets
Growing in February's snows. Her mind
Touches many things and makes them hers.
She leaves us fond memories of a light heart
and true.

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American Chemical Society 2, 3(P), 4(P)

Athletic Association 1

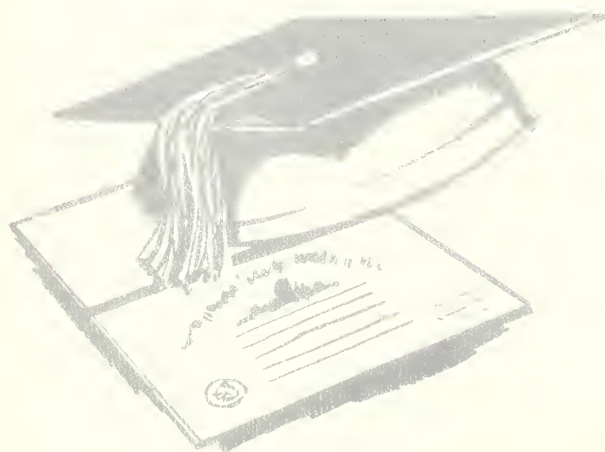
Glee Club 3, 4

Holyoke Undergraduate Club 2, 3, 4

Monsignor Doyle Science Club 1, 4



F. NOREEN PATRICIA MORIARTY
Holyoke



Never too absorbed to find the mysteries
Unfolded only to the inquiring mind and earnest
seeker,
She finds excitement in every phase of learning.
But this is a cheerful, happy-go-lucky scholar
Going gladly to class or festivity.
Hers, then, is a life revolving in
An unquenchable thirst for knowledge and
friendship
In the light of that most beautiful of all virtues
— Faith.



ELIZABETH LOUISE MORRISSEY
Pittsfield

Deep thoughts and hidden beauty
Find expression in her pen.
Half serious, half laughing eyes
Blaze suddenly in a flash of merriment
To reveal the depth and sparkling clarity
That lie, half hidden, beneath a serious countenance.
In her is felt a magnetism that draws one
Close to Truth, at Whose feet she frequently
Must sit and look, and love, and listen.

Sodality

NFCCS Regional Liturgy Chairman 3

Class Secretary 1

Corte Castellana 1, 2

Elmata Associate Editor

International Relations Club 3, 4

Student Council 3, 4(P)

Tourmaline Co-Editor 3

Verdeoro 1, 2

Who's Who 4





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Springfield Undergraduate Club 2, 3, 4

MARGARET MARY MURPHY
Indian Orchard

Small in stature and unlimited in potentialities
for merry-making,

She is the sugar and spice without which nothing
is complete.

Unrestricted by the demands of time,
"Murph" manages with dexterity that continual
'After the bell' appearance.

Unnoticed by the casual observer,
She suppresses, under the guise of nonchalance,
A gigantic generosity and definite knowledge
of what

Life can hold for those who seek.



Sodality

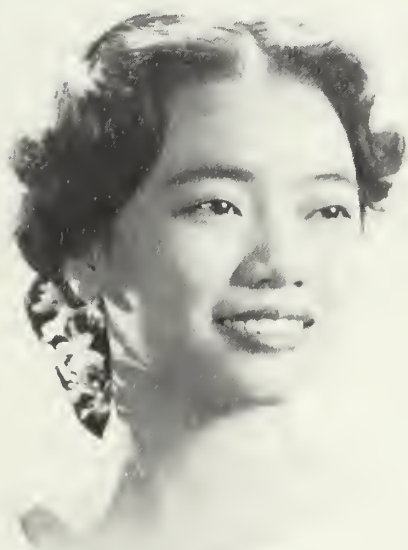
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Athletic Association 1

Cercle Francais 1, 2, 3, 4

Corte Castellana 1, 2, 3, 4(T)

Monsignor Doyle Science Club 4



ADORACION ANICETO MUSNGI
Santiago Isabela, Philippines

Petite and feminine,
Always the charmer, she possesses
An amazing ability to make friends
And feel at ease in unfamiliar surroundings.
Her wide-eyed wonderment
At all things American, the first
Glimpse of snow and a surprised
"It's cold!", pizza, unexpectedly delicious,
Delighted us. Her lovely face will
Linger in our memories.

Sodality

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C.C.D. Club 4(P)

Glee Club 3, 4

Holyoke Undergraduate Club 2(S), 3(VP), 4(P)

International Relations Club 3(VP), 4

Student Council 1

Who's Who 4



MARIE GEMMA O'CONNOR
Holyoke



Irish eyes that always smile
And eager feet ever ready to dance,
Her presence embroidered our days with silver.
Conscientious and just carefree enough,
She is fascinated by the unknown.
An enchanting bit of blarney can,
When the time is ripe, wind through her words.
Hope lives in her heart, and thus
Will keep her always young.



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Elmscript Co-Editor 3

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4

Verdeoro 4

Worcester Undergraduate Club 1, 2(S), 3, 4

MARGARET ANNE O'MELIA
Worcester

Irish bit of whimsy, she charms you
With little girl smile and infectious giggle;
And then with a well turned word,
She transports you to fairyland
Where she has fashioned spritely images
To trip prettily across your fancy.
Pixie-like, she goes through life
Leaving behind the pleasant visage
Of a modern day 'Alice-in-Wonderland'.





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Athletic Association 1

Glee Club 3, 4

Sociology Club 2, 3, 4

Springfield Undergraduate Cub 2, 3, 4

Verdeoro 1, 4

CHARLOTTE GRACE PONTIAC
Springfield

Unhurrying, unruffled but not
Unaware of the world about her,
She enjoys it to the fullest be it
In traveling or trying on clothes.
A firm believer that everyone should
Follow the sun in summer,
Her straightforward look and
Manner remain long after her faithful car
Is out of sight and down the road.



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American Chemical Society 1, 3, 4

Athletic Association 1, 2(S), 3(VP), 4(P)

Monsignor Doyle Science Club 1, 2(T), 3, 4

Verdeoro 3, 4



JOAN AGNES ROGERS

Beacon, New York

Earnestly sincere, she follows
Wherever duty beckons,
And having plied both heart and will
She turns through quiet diligence
All things toward perfection.
In her mind there burns a question
As to the 'why' of everything
Which winds life thread through a
Myriad of activities to give life meaningful
unity.

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Springfield Undergraduate Club 3, 4



MADELEINE GABRIELLE SAVARIA
Chicopee

Madge — blond casual and collegiate —

Or should we say 'tres chic'?

A welcome addition to our Junior ranks

And from such a distance, too!?!

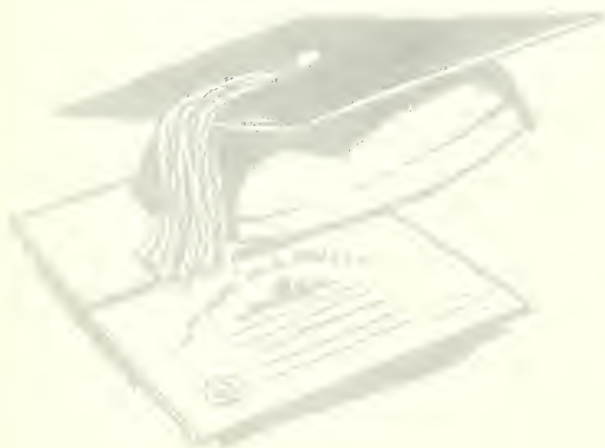
Discussions in philosophy class begin with her

"But, Father". She keeps the smoker hopping

With a live-wire brand of bridge and humor.

But sincerity is never disguised, as

She envelopes all in the sunrise of a smile.





JEAN MARIE SHEA
Millbury

A flair for the dramatic,
She walks apart, star in her own right.
In the apprenticeship of building life
She has learned that strength molds beauty;
And so, she chooses to accent always,
That which is positive.
So doing, she bends discarded, weaker tools
To fit the mold found perfect for
Welding all things with meaning
Into an eternal destiny.

Sodality

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Class Parliamentarian 2

Athletic Association 1, 2, 3, 4

Elmata Editor in Chief

MJB Debating Club 1

Sociology Club 2

Tourmaline Co-Editor 3

Verdeoro 1, 2, 3, 4

Who's Who 4

Worcester Undergraduate Club 1, 2, 3(VP), 4





Sodality, Advisory Board 2

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C.C.D. Club 4

Cercle Francais 1, 2

Corte Castellana 2

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4

Sociology Club 2, 3, 4

Springfield Undergraduate Club 2, 3, 4

Student Council 4

ELIZABETH ELLEN SHEEHAN
Springfield

Her voice is high
And so are her ideals.
Appreciative of the least little
Service, she returns it
A hundredfold by merely smiling
For us. No wonder she is
Blessed with an abiding faith
And a deep tranquility that can
Be acquired, but usually not
By one so young as she.



Sodality

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Glee Club 1, 2, 3(T), 4(P)

Tourmaline Business Manager 3



RACHEL NANCY SICILIANO
East Longmeadow

Classic features and a brilliant smile
Whisper of her warm heart,
Golden notes of song float effortlessly
Through familiar halls and generosity
In essence lends awareness that here,
The golden rule finds a home.
Patiently persistent, yet often pausing
To dream of a land somewhere over a rainbow,
She knows no strangers,
For everyone is a friend.

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Corte Castellana 1, 2, 3, 4

Glee Club 2, 3, 4

Initiation Co-Chairman

Sociology Club 2, 3, 4

Springfield Undergraduate Club 2, 3, 4

Verdeoro 1, 2, 3, 4



MARTHA ANNE SPONSKE
Springfield



Martha of the many bracelets —
Looking as if she had just stepped from a page
In 'Mademoiselle'. Savoir faire personified,
Crisp and engagingly effervescent,
She enriches all whom she encounters.
A formidable co-captain of Initiation,
She hid beneath a stern countenance,
A merry spirit and a superabundant capacity
to enjoy life.



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Athletic Association 1, 3

Glee Club 3, 4

Sociology Club 2, 3, 4;

Springfield Undergraduate Club 2(S), 3, 4

Student Council 2

CHRISTINE BRIDGID SULLIVAN
Springfield

Vivacious as an Irish tune,
She has that fresh and wind-blown look.
Quick of wit with a smile that enlivens,
Eyes gleaming with friendliness,
She presents a picture
Calm yet carefree, always with
That glad to be alive look.
Hers is a special kind of mettle,
Clothed in sunshine.





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Class President 4

A Cappella 1, 2, 3, 4

Cercle Francais 1, 2(T), 3, 4

Corte Castellana 3, 4

Glee Club 1, 2(S), 3(VP), 4

Student Council 4

Who's Who 4

JEANETTE CECILIA TASH
North Adams

Generous and gay, her calm efficiency
And effervescent manner create a charming
Paradox which never ceases to amaze.
Hers is the happy faculty of seeing first,
The good in every heart.
Sincerity is written in her face,
And underlined in her actions.
She finds beauty in an honest attempt,
And, needless to say, beauty surrounds her.



Sodality, Advisory Board 2, Treasurer 3

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A Cappella 1, 2, 3, 4

C.C.D. Club 4

Elmata Art Editor, Associate Editor

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4

Monsignor Doyle Science Club 1, 2

Verdeoro 1, 2



CLAIRE KATHERINE TEFFT
Westfield, New Jersey

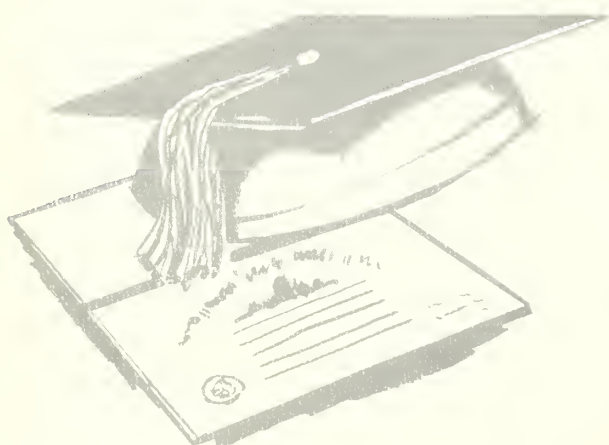
Bubbling from a deep well
Of intense and penetrating spirituality,
And deriving meaning and reality therefrom,
Come lovely paintings, poignant
Poetry or practical conclusions as
The occasion demands.
"Just give me one-half hour of absolute
Quiet all my own and I can
Work for hours," she says.
And that is what she does.

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FLORENCE SOPHIA THOMAS
West Springfield



Curly, jet black hair
And deep black eyes
Set her apart as someone
With a flair all her own.
On 'Flo' the same dress can
Be classroom wear or
Supper club chic; a silly
Giggle or very individual gestures
Accompany her speech, but yet,
No one can claim a more loyal friend.



Sodality

NFCCS

Vice-President 3

Athletic Club 1

C.C.D. Club 4

Elmscript Business Manager 3

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4

Sociology Club 3, 4

Springfield Undergraduate Club 2, 3, 4

Student Council 3, 4(VP)

DOROTHY ANN TUTTLE Springfield

When Irish eyes are smiling
And anyone is singing
The harmonizing voice belongs to Dot.
A business head on capable shoulders
Derives its magnanimity from her
Understanding heart. These joined
In one compact package of ambitious
Energy make up this magnet of leadership
Who attracted us, and we were drawn to follow.





Sodality

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Class Secretary 2

C.C.D. Club 4(T)

Corte Castellana 1, 2(S), 3(VP), 4

Elmscript Co-Editor 3

Glee Club 3, 4

Springfield Undergraduate Club 2, 3, 4

ETHEL MARY WILDER
Springfield

Lovely desert flower transplanted,
She radiates the quiet goodness
Of gentle ways.
From Tinkerbelle laugh and bemused eyes
Pulsating waves of peacefulness
Go forth to wrap you
In her serenity.
Her fragile-seeming fingertips
Hold the whole world in their strength
For they reach forth from an unselfish heart
To seek your own.



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A Cappella 1, 2, 3

Athletic Club 1, 2

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Monsignor Doyle Science Club 2, 3

Springfield Undergraduate Club 2, 3

Verdeoro 1, 2, 3



ELIZABETH ANN WRENN
Springfield

In pursuit of knowledge
And already having a head start,
Medical technology is her chosen career.
Yet, there is an undertone of longing
For final college capers which
Brings her back to us on special occasions.
Her majestic bearing can mantle
Her desire for fun-loving good cheer
To others, but not to us who know her.

Sodality, Advisory Board 4

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Athletic Association 1

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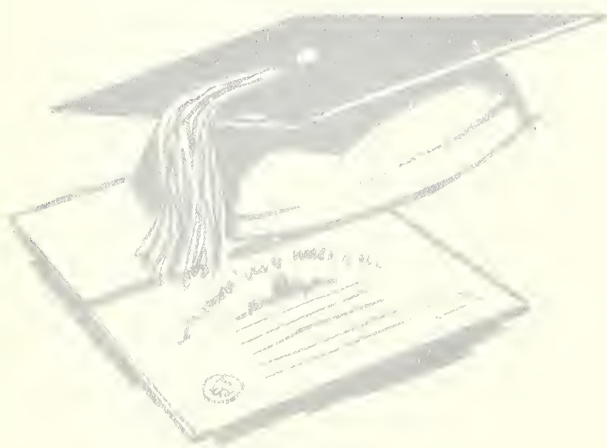
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Springfield Undergraduate Club 2, 3, 4

Verdeoro 1, 3



HONORE MAUREEN WYNNE
Springfield



Her casual comment, delivered deadpan,
Sends laughter echoing through the halls
While she waits again for calm
To repeat the performance.
Yet this is not meaningless mirth,
For in her heart she knows
That laughter keeps the whole world
Young and helps dispel the cares that come
When laughter is not there.



Sister
Graduates
of '56



CLASSES

When the day by day reality
That is a college way of life
Is faded and has lost its

Newness,

We will remember clearly
And with ever growing fondness
You who made our Senior
Year the finest and the fullest

And the richest and the newest
In the bright, shiny newness of
Accomplishment.

To the undergrads, then,
Belongs a part of what is

Us and ours; and more
Than just the space of these
Few pages is dedicated to you.
And for you,
Auspice Christi



Junior



Left to Right: J. Postercyzk, M. Murphy, W. Rosenbeck, J. De Young, A. Cuniff, J. Burke, L. Nowakowski, C. Belisle.



M. Corroll, E. Conroy, E. Neory, M. Collins, V. Rzasa, A. Ryan, C. Brown, K. Cowles, R. Verchot, A. Farrell.



E. Brand, M. Kearns, C. Corr, A. Rooche, T. Borselli, C. Alaima, T. May, T. McNiece, M. Tapor.

To the Juniors,

You will always remain for us individual princesses in your own right, surrounded by a memory of midnight blue and white and silver and bound by glass slippers and the strains of the lovely melody you adopted as yours for the night of your Junior Prom.

These things we will recall first. But after that pleasant sensation has passed, other thoughts will come swiftly rushing in.

We will think how well you car-

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ried on for us during those first September and October days when our duties as practice teachers called us from our first love. And also, that this thought will occur that this helping hand did not desert us when we finally returned to assume the new dignity of leadership.

And last of all, dear Juniors, we shall recall how much you grew and matured in undertaking all you did in your Junior year, and how secure we felt and how proud we were in being able to pass on to such a class the privilege, seniorhood.



Left to Right: J. McKenno, K. Toomey, E. Graham, M. Fitzpatrick, N. O'Donnell, D. Bartaszek, A. Meloche, J. Mackey.



J. Lyons, L. McMahon, A. Turnon, J. Kennedy, J. Sullivan, Greta Frechette, M. Burke, L. Calderella, J. Lanzillo.



B. Fritz, J. Sturmer, A. Weldon, B. Burke, A. Dryden.

Sophomore

Dear Sophs,

"Gay Sophs of Elmite spirit" laughed at their soft-hearted sisters trying so hard to be stern Rangers. When we did manage not to smile for a minute, you hid the Frosh under your beds. And Elms night, when it was all over and we had said our first good-bye, you were with us and we thank you.

One other morning you walked beside us, carrying a precious burden tied with green and gold. Later you gave us a rose, and we sang sentimental songs, and meant every word.

Will you ever forget how terrible your Soph Show seemed about a week before the big night, and Barb and Bev were frantic? Everyone was singing "Moments

Standing: M. DeMeolo, J. Joseph, A. Keenon, A. Modero, B. Mojewski. Sitting: B. Chunn, C. Boker, B. Chevolier, M. Grimoldi.



1st row, left to right: B. Moiololo, M. Hunt, M. Thompson, N. Grant, V. Weeks, B. Pratt. 2nd row: B. Crochiere, J. Guertin, E. Reardon, B. Chevolier, M. A. Gould, B. Chunn, M. Wolloce, K. Barry. 3rd row: K. Mee-noghon, B. Collins, F. Finn, T. Soccovino, M. Collins. 4th row: M. Coffey, N. O'Flynn, J. McDonnell, M. Forte. 5th row: M. Martin, Lech, B. Bergin, P. Doppmann, A. Connor. 6th row: J. Borbeou, C. Bailey, M. Smith, A. Doly, F. Ethier. 7th row: K. Sullivan, B. Guordione, B. Mojewski, B. Lunordini, B. McColl, E. Vose.



1st row: M. Solimene, P. Rutono, M. Lincoln, I. Rogers. 2nd row: A. Johnson, A. Sullivan, C. Norcross, L. Lombert.

Class

To Remember" and you cringed every time you heard it. Then it was curtain time and we were so proud. We couldn't believe our eyes when Mary came down the aisle on that bicycle.

Tourmaline was yours, and Franny and Barb slaved, cutting, pasting, typing, and looking for ideas. And we could sympathize, remembering last year, and our sessions with scissors and glue.

After Easter vacation, there just wasn't time for anything. Before we go, we simply want to say thanks for the moments you have given us to remember, little sisters.

Lovingly in Our Lady of the Elms,

Your Senior Sisters



1st row, left to right: M. Deignon, M. Lincoln, M. Keenan. 2nd row: E. Cowell, M. McGroth, J. Edwards. 3rd row: C. Molleur, M. Spencer, A. Perry, M. Reilly, M. Curron.



A. Daly, A. Redden, N. Keegan, J. Boulanger, K. Finn, M. Ryon, E. Lachut, A. Rache, M. Mishimo, B. Pratt, A. Perry, B. Lunardini.



Sitting: B. Collins, M. Wallace. Standing: B. Bergin, M. Collins, J. Guertin, M. Hunt, V. Weeks, N. Grant.



Kneeling, left to right: M. Joseph, M. Mulvey, F. Nadolski. Standing: N. Pike, P. Shea, P. Van de Weghe, M. O'Brien, E. Garrity.



1st row: A. Frigo, E. Murphy, P. Houle, E. O'Brien, E. Sahay, A. Waszcziak, E. Moriarty, M. Fahey, C. Goyette, S. Sullivan, J. Darcy, E. Guillet.
2nd row: E. Kirby.



Standing: H. Meagher, M. Cavanaugh, J. Sullivan, C. Tierney, M. Enright, J. DiNardo, N. Mackie, P. Ryan, A. Ruane. Sitting: P. Murray, H. Sullivan, M. Hagan, J. Packer, L. Salame.



1st row, left to right: M. Letellier, J. Bourdeau, B. Alexander, T. Macri.
2nd row: N. Tawne, J. Kennedy, J. Shea, D. Crowley, S. Fitzgerald.
3rd row: J. Wise, I. Rosenbeck, R. Gennari, H. Dillan, D. Brosnan.

Freshman

Our last "Golden September" and we stepped back on campus eagerly awaiting our all too brief sojourn as Rangers. What would our young, tender and green "jetheads" be like — bold, fearless Martians, or would they cower at our coming? The expected day arrived and we smiled secretly at the flashes of lightning and cracker box hot-air containers, all the while trying hard to keep a stern countenance. We were outnumbered and outshouted, all of which added up to a good time for all.

Elms Night came — and our newly initiated frosh were thrilled with their Junior sisters as cries of "I'm so glad it's you" filled the air. Together, proud sisters attended the banquet and entertainment

Class



1st row: R. Zecci, G. Masterson, D. Calabro, B. Airoidi, C. Allaire. 2nd row: E. McDermatt, G. Ciccio, B. Kurpaska, S. Taylor. 3rd row: J. Zuorski, M. Faley, B. Bacchiocchi, A. Lamborghini.



1st row: E. Mahoney, E. Brennan, P. Scibelli, J. Landry, A. Smith. 2nd row: F. La Ferriere, M. Talmadge, L. Glesmann, L. Wynne, A. Todara. 3rd row: N. Madden, M. Brown, M. Allen, E. Fitzgerald.



1st row: L. Berard, F. Danahue, J. O'Connell, S. Nesbit, M. Derengawski, E. Menord. 2nd row: J. Driscoll, N. Strobelberger, E. Sylvester, M. Mullen, T. Sotawski, B. Blackell. 3rd row: R. Charlebois, E. Stack.



1st row: E. Elwood, J. Albana, M. Salmen. 2nd row: M. E. Shea, C. Kidney, P. Daltan, P. Floherty, B. Lanergan. 3rd row: R. Manzi, A. Kelly, P. Leonard, P. Dawd, K. Fenton, R. Lappin.

was provided by a spirited and lively group of Marsmen. Who can ever forget the riotous rendition of "Shine On Harvest Moon"? Sully discovered that she did have talent after all, and was voted best sport, with the rest of the class getting honorable mention. To the strains of the traditional "Gaudeamus Igitur" we tossed the welcomed green and gold Elms Caps to eager hands and prayed that the light in those upturned faces would never be dimmed. Now our frosh were truly Elmites.

We found that light did remain. It shone with even greater fervor on December 8, when you became members of Our Lady's Sodality.

And it remained, a truly touching glow to light our way on Graduation Day.

ORGANIZATIONS

*It is not only in the classroom
That our growth is measured
While we live and work within
A rather limited circle.*

*Realizing that this classroom life
Will not continue after we depart
We banded into groups and
Clubs wherein we tested all
Our theories, and discussed
The pros and cons of this
World problem or that campus
Movement.*

*It was here we learned
To separate the brilliant
From the average and we found
In each something necessary
And something without which there
Can be no integrating balance.*

*This lesson is but one thing more
For which we say,
Laus tibi, Christe!*





M. Murphy, Treas; J. Lilly, Pref; A. Dryden, VP; B. Lunardini, Sec.

Sodality of our Lady

Because our lives are Mary-centered, Our Lady's Sodality is the heart of the important functions in our college life.

Throughout the year Sodality sponsors such memorable activities as the Sodality Reception when the Freshmen are drawn closer to our Elms heart, the Christmas Turkey Dinner which is a fitting send-off for vacation, the Spring Formal where "You and the Night and the Music" coalesce to form an extra-special memory, Parent-Daughter Day when we fete our Moms and Dads, and Mary's Day when homage is paid to our Heavenly Mother.

Prefect Jane Lilly and the chairmen of the Eucharistic, Our Lady's, Literary and Mission Committees worked together to provide us with spiritual strength and social enjoyment.

In midwinter the Literary Club was host to Father Harold C. Gardiner, S.J., at a lecture followed by a coffee hour in the college library.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Based on Christian principles and striving to promote mutual co-operation between both students and faculty, our Student Government Association is a source of justifiable pride. The Student Council, as the legislative body of the Association, co-ordinates co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, expresses our views on matters which are of concern to us, and legislates for all the students.

Every student has the right and obligation to observe her Student Government in action. Open Stu-

dent Council meetings give students the opportunity of suggesting any necessary improvements, and aid each one of us in understanding the true nature of our organization.

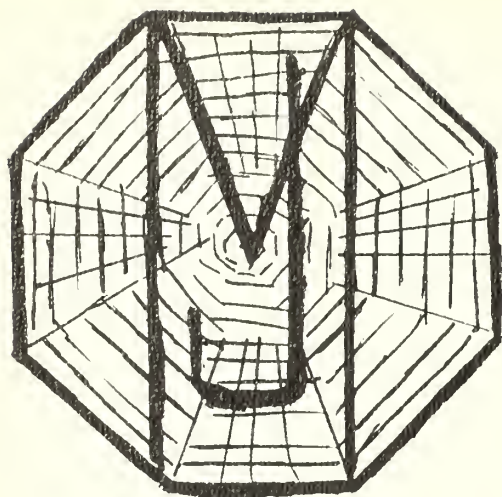
As Catholic College students, we must accept the obligations which are entailed by the privilege of self-government. Through our Student Government, we must take advantage of the opportunity given us to develop those principles of Christian thought and action so essential in our modern world.



Sitting: E. Morrissey, Pres.

Standing, left to right: D. Tuttle, VP;

L. Lambert, Treas; L. McMahon, Sec.



N. F. C. C. S.

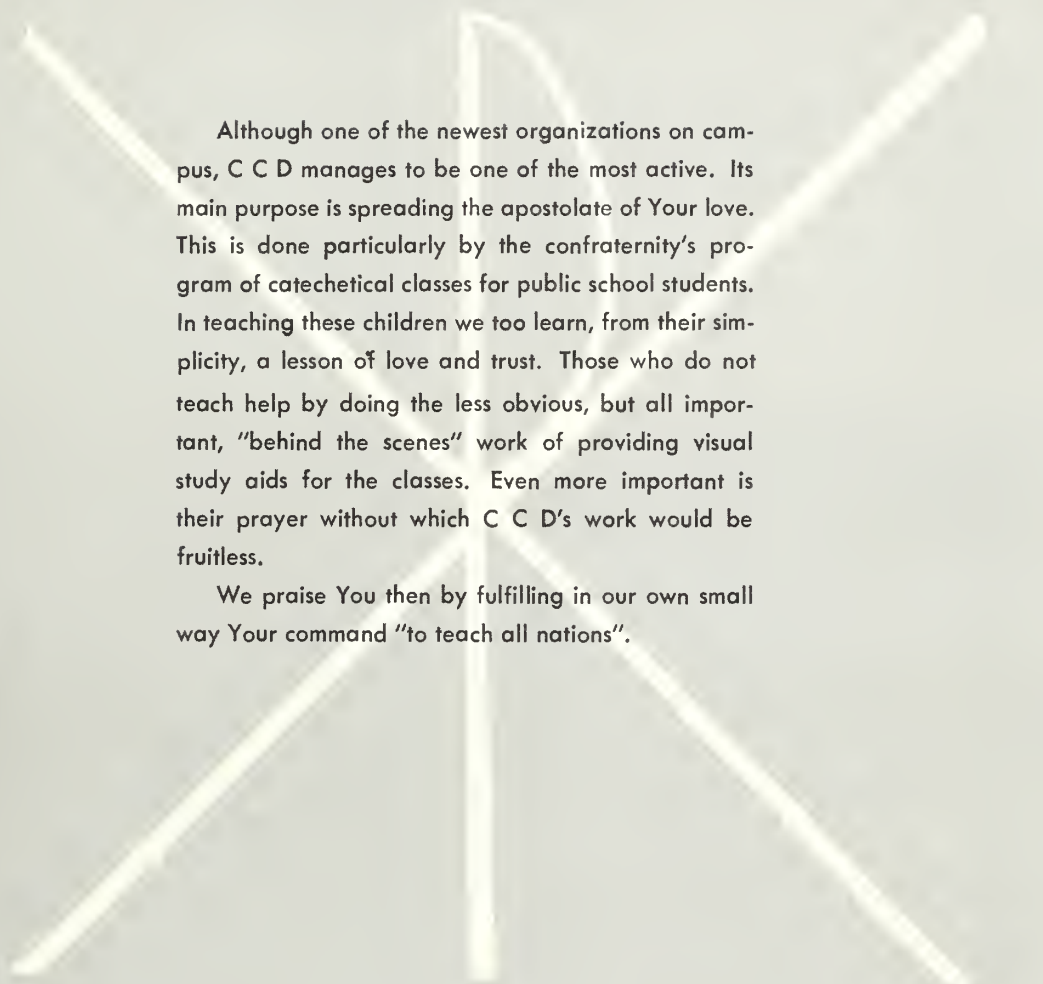
Action is the by-word of the New England Region of the National Federation of Catholic College Students. N F is known for the practicality and timeliness of the excellent workshops it sponsors. Our delegates, Constance Corr and Mary Martin, have kept us well informed throughout the year on the activities of the Federation, and have shown us the vast potentials of N F which are available to all here at the Elms.

We are fortunate too, in having the National Liturgy Commission seated on our campus. A clearing-house for the ideas and projects of liturgically minded students throughout the country, the Commission, under the capable direction of Joan Marby and Marjorie Fitzpatrick has had another successful year.

At the annual congress of the region, held again this year in Worcester, we had the opportunity of seeing the Federation in action, and profited greatly from our experience. N F is a truly vital force in the lives of all who avail themselves of the many benefits it offers.



Left to right: C. Carr, Senior Delegate; J. Marby, National Liturgy Commission Chairman; M. Martin, Junior Delegate.



Although one of the newest organizations on campus, C C D manages to be one of the most active. Its main purpose is spreading the apostolate of Your love. This is done particularly by the confraternity's program of catechetical classes for public school students. In teaching these children we too learn, from their simplicity, a lesson of love and trust. Those who do not teach help by doing the less obvious, but all important, "behind the scenes" work of providing visual study aids for the classes. Even more important is their prayer without which C C D's work would be fruitless.

We praise You then by fulfilling in our own small way Your command "to teach all nations".

CCD

VERDEORO

For anyone who wants to work, this is the organization where variety is truly the spice of life, and each production is an adventure into something new.

Not all of us are gifted by the Maker with behind the footlights ability. The same is also true of those who work behind the scenes, not all are gifted in this way.

For everyone from star to stagehand has a place in Verdeoro. The two major productions, James M. Barrie's "A Kiss For Cinderella", and the Emmet Lavery adaptation of Baroness Gertrud von le Fort's "Song at the Scaffold" are witness to this fact.

No one was neglected, and no particular talent was required except a will to work.



Glee Club and A Cappella Choir

Hard work helps make for perfect song, but the song itself helps perfect the singer. Our hearts are lightened, our spirits sing with the freshness of the harmony. As a result our minds blend a little better for having worked to achieve this harmony.

The finished productions of the Christmas concert, the concert of sacred music, the joint concert with Fairfield University's Glee Club, are the rewards for our labor. At these we give to others some of the joy

we find in music. These moments are especially happy.

We praise you then, O Christ, by the happy sound of our song finding joy in the voices God gave us. We praise you in the hours of drill before by the goodwill of bending our own individual wills and working as one. We praise you too, with the sound of our laughter lightening these same long disciplining hours of practice.



Left to right: C. Alaimo, Treas; E. Vose, Sec; M. Fitzpatrick, VP; R. Siciliano, Pres; M. Cote, Song Leader.

Athletic Association

To provide an extracurricular activity aimed at the recreation and furthering of good sportsmanship among the students is the aim of the Athletic Association. Not only does it supply a method of learning and enjoying the various activities it sponsors, but also instills into each Elmite a strong school and class spirit.

The season opened with the annual hot-dog roast and, as time progressed, basketball became the center of attention. Rousing cheers could be heard from

the gym at any and all games, and the best team always won. With the advent of warmer weather, softball, volleyball and archery came to be the focal points. Ping-pong and badminton, not restricted to seasons, were enjoyed all year, and the ping-pong tournament was a thrilling elimination match.

As a culmination to an active and busy year, the Athletic Association banquet provided a good time for all participants and expectations of more to come.

J. Rogers, Pres; M. Gilmartin, Sec; E. Cowell, Treas; L. Calderella, VP.



American Chemical Society

The coordination of an organization on various levels, national, regional, and campus, provides a greater opportunity for the potential chemist to acquire the background and latest information from associates of similar interests. The American Chemical Society affords students an opportunity to prepare for their chemical profession by starting practices in an elementary way. Regularly published bulletins to-

gether with scheduled meetings keep the student informed on recent progress. The use of the A.C.S. Employment Clearing House to help students locate positions after graduation is another service offered by this organization.

Our campus meetings are the first step toward full professional status — a development aimed at achievement.

Left to right: N. Moriarty, Pres; L. Kelly, Treas; R. Verchot, Sec; M. Burke, VP.



BLESSED MARTIN

DE PORRES

SOCIOLOGY CLUB

Known to most of us simply as the 'Soc' club, this organization has become a most active one on our campus. Headed by Mary Faith Crowley, the club has helped to bring about a better understanding of community responsibility and the principles of true Catholic social thought. In this way, we have all formed a deeper appreciation for mankind, his problems and their solutions.

Carrying out the same spirit as in previous years, the club brought Father Admer de Pauw of the Belgian

Congo whose lecture on the condition of the United Nations was certainly one of the most thought-provoking any of us have had the good fortune to hear. Also of great interest were the panel discussions held by the club on current trends in social thought.

The highlight of the year, however, was the Valentine party for the old people at both Ingleside and Beaven Kelly Home where members had an opportunity to prove their sincerity and put classroom theories and Christian charity into practice.



Left to right: I. Rogers, Sec; M. Crowley, Pres; C. Aloimo, VP; M. Collins, Treas.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

The world situation is one of confusion and of problems. Discussing these problems and developing a sense of good judgment concerning international affairs is the task of the International Relations Club on campus. Anyone interested in world affairs is welcome to participate in the functions of this group, whether it is in serving on panel discussions or in merely airing one's views on anything which might come under consideration.

Lectures by outstanding personalities in world affairs give students more grist for the mill of thought and often present stimulating aspects from which to view a current question.

On the local scene, IRC encourages joint discussions with neighboring colleges. This interchange of ideas and the wealth of knowledge gained from them are two of the most lasting functions of IRC.



Left to right: A. Johnson, Sec; J. Lincoln, Pres; B. Burke, VP; N. O'Donnell, Treas.



Left to right: C. Bailey, L. Nawalski, VP; B. McCall, Sec; B. Cangram, Pres; M. Collins, Treas.

Not only to science majors, but to all interested in the challenge of our rapidly changing universe, does the Monsignor Doyle Science Club offer "inside information" on latest happenings from atomic energy to zoology. Presented in such a fashion as to be interesting and understood by all were the club-sponsored lectures on various topics. A discussion on Medical Technology gave incentive to career-planning in that field for some and possibly even added more to that number. A lively report on the topic "Cancer" gave new and enlightening information to all.

Encouragement of the variety of fields of scientific endeavor gave an equal opportunity to future-minded Elmites to choose their place in our modern world.

Monsignor Doyle Science Club



Sitting: J. Meloche, Pres.; Left to right: L. Champagne, Treas; D. Bartoszek, V.P.; C. Bailey, Sec.

Under the able presidentship of Jean Meloche, meetings of Le Cercle Francais are attended by its enthusiastic members who further their fluency in the language of "la douce France" by listening to records, singing French songs, playing games and conversing.

Members are also given the opportunity to display their proficiency in written French by writing articles for the club newspaper, *Les Ormettes*, edited by Louise Champagne and Marjorie Fitzpatrick. Its readers are kept abreast of the latest trends in French politics, literature and fashions. Creative writing is encouraged and many an original French poem has found its way within the pages of this paper.

The highlight of the year's activities is a combined Christmas party with *La Corte Castellana*. This is a gala evening for the members of both clubs as they exchange ideas of Christmas customs in different French- and Spanish-speaking countries, participate in language games, sing Christmas carols, exchange gifts and climax the celebration with refreshments in the cafeteria.

Le Cercle Francaís

Worcester

Springfield



Holyoke

Northampton



Undergraduate Clubs

The main purpose of the undergraduate clubs is social. But this word social, when used in relation to the undergraduate clubs includes many meanings.

For example, prior to the official opening of each school year, each local undergraduate club sponsors a "get acquainted with the new Freshmen" activity. Each interpretation of this activity is different, but each purpose is the same. The Worcester Club welcomes the local Freshmen at a tea in the Bancroft Hotel, while Springfield Frosh are feted to a picnic.

During the year the various vacation periods provide excellent opportunity for dances, card parties and other affairs which require a good deal of planning and genuine enjoyment for all who attend.

The Worcester, Springfield and Holyoke-Northampton Clubs, headed respectively by Jean Meloche, Lorraine Kelly and Noreen Moriarty, have taken their place as part of the life of our growing college.

WORCESTER

K. Barry, Sec; J. McKenna, VP; Helen Dillon, Treas; J. Meloche, Pres.

SPRINGFIELD

T. Harris, Treas; M. Kearns, VP; L. Kelly, Pres; B. McCall, Sec.

HOLYOKE

F. Finn, Sec; M. Murphy, VP; M. O'Connor, Pres.

La Corte Castellana

To learn a language most easily one speaks it. The work involved in turning out the perfected grammar assumes less the quality of labor then and takes on a touch of pleasure. La Corte Castellana does just this for many of our Spanish students.

They not only speak better Spanish as a result, but know and understand a bit better the character and temperament of the Spanish people. They see the beauty of their colorful speech and come to love

its musical quality. With a deeper knowledge of the Spanish heritage they can appreciate better the Latin culture of today.

At the annual Christmas party when the strains of "Venid Pastores" fill the air, we are reminded of you, O Christ. By this recreation of ours we praise, O Christ, by learning to know and understand our fellow man a little better. Knowing him we love him for his best qualities and hence You a little more.

L. to r.: K. Toomey, T. Harris, E. Kelly, D. Musngi.



Elmscript

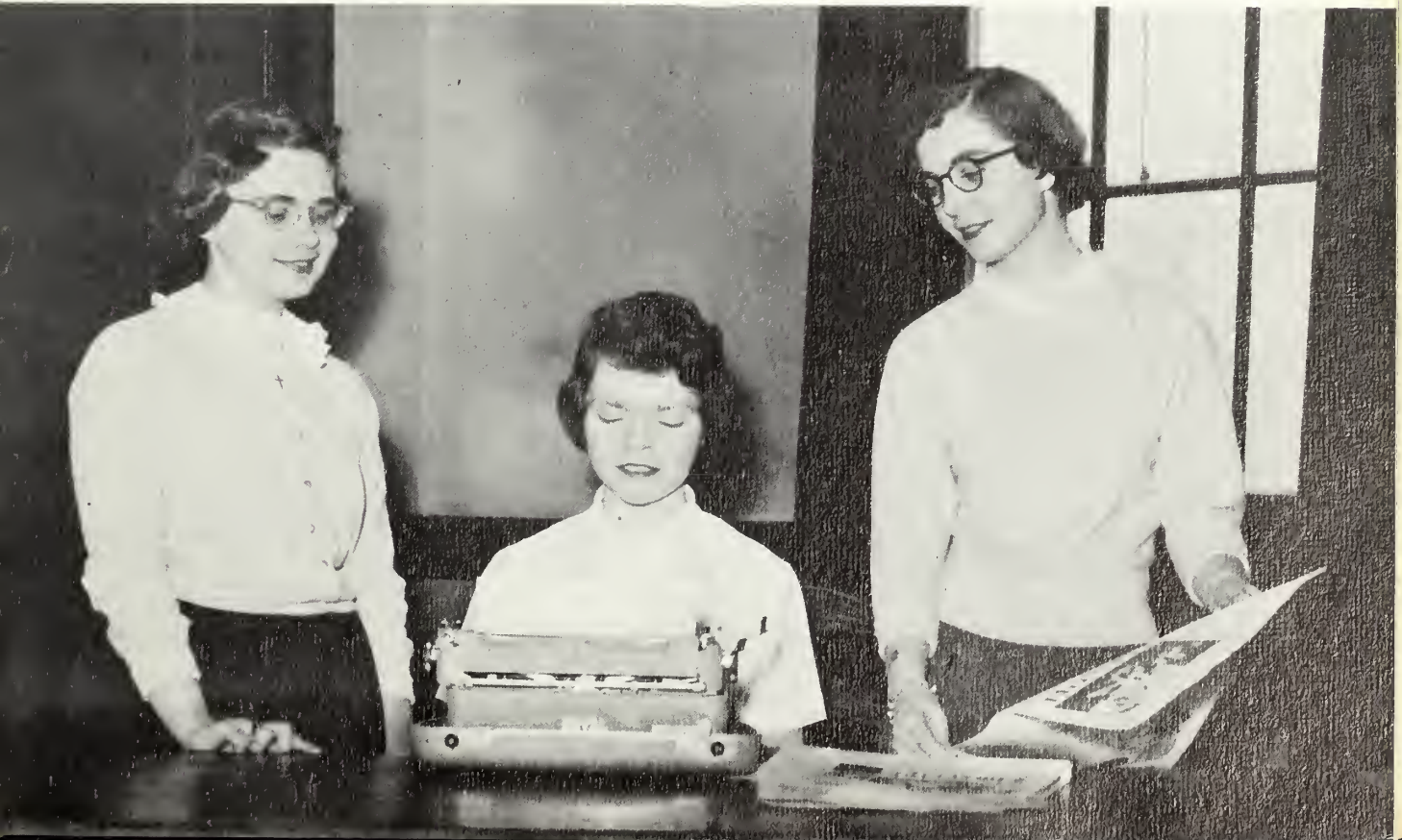
Looking back to its first issue which was published late in the spring of 1946, ELMSCRIPT can be proud of its ten years of existence. The second year the newspaper was issued every two months, and beginning in September 1947 it became a monthly publication.

Since the first copy rolled off the press ELMSCRIPT has made great strides so that now it can boast of eight All Catholic and six All American awards while meriting in 1954 the rating of Newspaper of Distinction.

Ann Dryden and Barbara Burke are the co-editors of this year's ELMSCRIPT which is staffed by efficient members of the junior class who always bear in mind the high ideals of Catholic journalism.

The thrill and excitement of meeting deadlines, proofreading, doing lay-outs, interviewing celebrities and actually seeing the result in black and white are experienced by these budding journalists who see their talents and hard work appreciated in the satisfied faces of their readers.

Left to right: T. Saccavino, Bus. Man.; A. Dryden, Co-Ed.; B. Burke, Co-Ed.



Tourmaline

Three times yearly, Elmites with a creative bent have the opportunity of seeing their best efforts in prose and poetry published in Tourmaline, our college literary magazine. The theme of Tourmaline this year, "The Spirit of Catholicity in the Lively Arts", was of interest to all students. For the first time, Sophomore journalists edited the magazine, and our congratulations are extended to Frances Finn and Barbara Guardione who maintained the standards of our "Magazine of Distinction".

Timely editorials gave us food for thought and

kept us well informed on current trends in thought on important issues. Well written articles and effective illustrations, up to the minute book reviews and modern and traditional verse forms were well balanced in an attractive layout.

Although it seemed at first as if galley sheets, scissors, and glue were fast becoming an integral part of their daily lives, Sophomores found the thrill of seeing their first issue in print well worth the effort involved. We, too, found the reading of Tourmaline this year well worth the pleasure gained.



Left to right: F. Finn, Co-Ed.; E. Vose, Bus. Man.; B. Guardione, Co-Ed.

ELMATA

There have been twenty-four Elmatas, as there have been twenty-four graduating classes. This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the printing of the first yearbook produced by the College of Our Lady of the Elms.

A glance through some of the back issues shows the progress that has been made in the field of publication, and also hints of the radical changes that have taken place as regards the dress and customs of

the American Catholic college woman.

This backward glance will also reveal, however, that the basic principles of Catholic life are the same now as they were then, a further proof of the unity of the Church.

With humility, then, and with a bit of pride, have we prepared, and do we present this, Elmata for 1956, the twenty-fifth of its kind.



Standing: J. Shea, Ed.-in-Chief; J. Benedict, Bus. Man.; sitting: C. Tefft, Art Ed.

*Study; recreation; prayer;
Three spheres about which all
Our lives revolved while we
Were here.*

*This habit though, became so
Fixed that it will remain
All through our lives. And so,
We will retain this balance
We acquired through cogitation;
Concentration; and co-operation.*

*We cannot be assured, of course, that
We will find acceptance on
Whatever way we travel, but,
We could receive no better
Start than we received here
In active participation in
Everything that was ours merely
For the taking.*

*Because we could expect no more,
Laus tibi, Christe!*

Activities





1955

Every day of our lives is a new beginning. Some of these days and beginnings, however, naturally take on more significance than others.

For the Freshmen and Juniors, September 20, 1955, was the beginning of a new and wonderful friendship that would last a lifetime. For the Sophomores and the Seniors, it was a renewal of the same kind of friendship.

We were back at college, prepared for another year of memories of the delightful and the sober events which are a college life. Some of us had returned to complete our destiny in praising Christ as students.

Events followed in rapid succession during those first few weeks and slowly, slowly our life became the routine of a student.

The Bishop came to officially open the scholastic year



1956

by celebrating the Mass of The Holy Spirit, and thus our course was laid on solid foundations.

However, soon after this, the campus was invaded, and "Marsmen" could be heard and seen in every corner of the campus. Yes, the Freshmen were being initiated.

Elms Night came, the last one of which we, Seniors, could feel that we were truly a part. And Freshmen sisters met their Juniors for the first official time.

A few days later, the Freshmen had a special task. They "wished" the lovely circle which envelopes a Tourmaline on the finger of their Junior sister, and the bond was forged in gold.

So days sped by, as we have said, some more important than others, but all included in the plan for us and therefore necessary.



Cap and Gown Sunday



Against the background of a crisp blue October sky, the fifty-seven seniors of the class of 1956 marched side by side with their Sophomore sisters through chapel to receive from them a package bound in green and gold. This they offered first to Christ during the offertory of Cap and Gown Sunday Mass. This was a long-awaited ceremony to them, known perhaps by its externals, but never felt until now. Shortly after this offering, they were presented with

another token, and "Only a Rose" untold, as another year, the last to be embarked upon, really began. The excitement of the banquet breakfast belied the solemnity of the afternoon ceremony.

With feelings that differed in each of them, the Seniors entered the Auditorium to accept the symbol of their commencement, the academic Caps and Gowns. It was a proud and happy moment as each received her garb from the hands of Bishop Weldon

and left to attire herself in the new-found robe of Seniority. Solemnity masked all expressions on re-entrance; this was a procession anticipated for three years.

Father Vincent O'Connor then compared for the audience this academic robe to that of Christ and stated that if these Caps and Gowns "fitted" uncomfortably, Seniors had only themselves to blame.

After the ceremony, an informal reception was held for friends and relatives at which each girl proudly displayed the flowing robe. The traditional "Our First Goodbye" was sung, for this was, after all, the beginning of the end.





KNOWLEDGE IS FOR USE . . .

Laus tibi Christe! Praise be to You, O Christ! But how do we praise You Christ? We do not extraordinary deeds. We belong to the pregnant potential of the rank and file. From this group only the most brilliant luminaries shall issue to cast Your glory in single beam over the whole world. To us, in this more shuttered world, the need is here and now.

We answer the need of praise by striving always to do what You have willed should please You; that is, by humbly trying to do what we are. How do we do this? We are beings, human beings, made to know all being; this You have willed we should be. This we must be if we are to praise You. We seek knowledge then that we may praise You. Knowledge, not as an end, but as a means to an end, — a means that leads to the perfection of our own nature, a means that leads us by each newly revealed facet of being to know You more infinitely — You Who Are Infinite Reality itself. It is a knowledge as infinitely varied as the array of ideas embraced in the extension of the notion "being" itself; its only limit, our own capacity. With each rational act we become a little more perfect as human beings; a little more what You intended us to be. With each act of knowing we have a greater capacity for loving because love is based on knowledge. We become then, by striving to be perfectly human, what You first intended — instruments of praise. The first fruit of all the virtues manifests a reflection of Your infinite glory to brighten the gloom of a darkened world. So quietly we can sing, by our very living and our knowing, of the boundless mysteries of Your myriad perfections.

The perfect, because it can go no further, has no need for the hustle-bustle type of activity that characterizes the imperfect. Because we are imperfect we are ever actively striving to attain the perfection which we lack and yet desire so vehemently. In our classes we seek the knowledge necessary as a means to gaining this perfection of our whole personality. Each day at the Elms, lived as it should be, becomes in us, a full orchestration of praise, — praise that will never be inert, but expanding in proportion to the rationality of our living.

The keystone by which we intergrade and order our wonderful knowledge is gained in our Philosophy courses. Thomistic philosophy embraces seven divisions, which consider all things, and so gives us sound outlooks and standards for truly human activity in any sphere of life. In the process of mastering philosophy we fashion precise and alert minds by which we can be successful in our glorious quest of truth and knowledge. This makes of the most speculative of all the sciences an affair of practical everyday living whose ultimate richness we will fully appreciate only in eternity.



Since we are ultimately destined to God as our end we ought to view all the activities in relation to Him. In our religion courses we are given an accurate vision of these relationships. We are given an opportunity to see God in all the different aspects that are within our capacity to know on earth. We see His infinite love bestowed on us in, through, and by You, O Christ; in Your life as seen in Your Church, and in



Your Living vital presence dwelling within us. Loving what we see we praise You by striving to reproduce You in our daily lives.

Man by his nature is a social being. In our language courses, French, Spanish, German, and Latin, we render concrete this natural craving. We share the most intimate possessions of a man — his thoughts. Through them we add experience and sta-

ture to our own knowledge. We praise You by the very expansion of our own being.

The order of the universe is one of the most eloquent declarations of Your presence. In our science classes, whether it be chemistry, biology, physics or math, we are brought constantly to the manifest truth, that only Supreme Intelligence could produce such perfect order and unity. We praise You by an in-



creased awareness of dependency on You and by mirroring Your orderliness in our reasoning.

Love always seeks an outpouring of itself. The knowledge we have gained has borne fruit in Love of You. It leaves us with an unquenchable desire to bring this joy to others. The education department helps us to do so by teaching us to guide others to this same fruitful knowledge. The study of sociology aids us in counseling straying wayfarers back to the proper understanding of their humanity. We praise You here by molding vessels in which You may be pleased to dwell.

In art and music we give expression to the beauty and harmony we experience when our daily living is at one with Your will. Here we give outward expression to what our quiet act of being has silently been testifying. You are Who Is. You are all beauty, all perfection. In face of Your perfection our tongues can only stutter and stumble. Only by being as perfectly human as possible can we loudly still the world by our humble testimony of praise, *Laus tibi Christe!*





S P O R T S

The gym complete with its new floor, was the scene of much activity during the entire year. The freshmen initiated it during their gym classes to which a new feature has been added. This very enjoyable new feature was the dancing lessons given by freshman, Carol Celletti.

The interclass basketball series provided exciting entertainment and the gym echoed the cheers and hurrahs of the fans on the sidelines.

The smoker and recreation room also played their part in the sports world because of the ping-pong tournaments played there.

Swimmers this year were fortunate in being able to add to their competence by taking a Red Cross Senior Life Saving Course. Many took advantage of this opportunity to increase their prowess in this field of athletics.

With the snow came the snow sculpturing contest. This gave everyone who wished to enter a chance to show some artistic talent in molding the soft snow into gracious forms.

Spring fever brought with it outdoor sports. The favorite again this year was softball. Interclass games were played in the evenings in the cool outdoors. Along with softball, tennis ranked high. During the winter months the tennis court had been converted into an ice-skating rink but with the fair weather it takes on a collegiate look with students volleying back and forth. Badminton also received its share of attention and Ann Farrell and Lorita Calderella went to Boston to play in the New England Intercollegiate Badminton Tournament.

The climax to the year's athletic activities came in May with the annual field day. Everyone participated, and the event was recorded a complete success. Games, races, relays and many other sports gave everyone a chance to compete.

However, the greatest benefit derived from any and all of these activities was a deeper understanding of the opponents with which one comes in contact and the realization that it is not how well we do something, but the spirit in which it is done.





TIME FOR FUN

Cheery autumn leaves, fat pumpkins, and rustling corn shocks turned the gym into an October landscape. The Harvest Hop, sponsored by the Student Council, was our first dance this year. Lively music and a friendly informal atmosphere combined to make that old cliché, "a nice time was had by all", more than true.

Hallowe'en and the Soph Show go together just like "Love and Marriage". The Sophs took us through four memorable seasons in an entertainment guaranteed to provide "Moments to Remember" for all who witnessed their captivating capers. "Frosty the Snowman" cavorted merrily around the stage; three very serious young ladies struggled with some impossible sums; dreams came true "Somewhere Over the Rainbow", and the "Alabama Jubilee" delighted the hearts of all.

Proud Senior Sisters presented white jackets to the excited Sophs, whose vibrant spirit pervaded the song fest and Hallowe'en lunch held later in the gym. To coin a phrase most familiar to seniors, the evening was "Out of This World".



Brisk November winds hurried the "Elmata" into our midst before it seemed possible. Senior practice-teachers returned just in time to enter into the spirit of the dance. Football players and colorful pennants decorated the gym; unique programs provoked interesting comments. The first snowfall trimmed the campus in soft white, and rustling black taffeta lent an air of elegance. All too soon the orchestra played "Good Night, Ladies", and our bulletin boards claimed another dance program. Thanksgiving was here and gone in a maze of delicious smells and tastes, and we returned to the bustle of Christmas preparations.



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Advent heralds an active season and contagious Christmas spirit on campus. It is during this season that we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child.

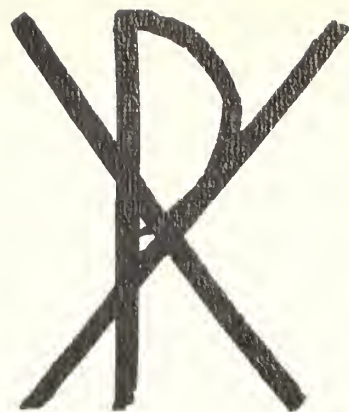
Symbolic of Him, the Light of the World, is the Advent candle in Chapel. The singing of the "O Antiphons," a series of chants designated for the seven days preceding Christmas, is an integral part of liturgy on campus.

To our minds which have been engrossed in planning the pre-Christmas social, musical and dramatic entertainment which has become a memorable part of our college years the Advent wreath in the dining hall, with its four candles representing the four weeks in Advent, reminds us that Christmas means more than trees, decorations and gifts.

Advent is the time we spend in preparation for the birth of the Messiah, the fulfillment of a four thousand year old prophecy.



Comes



On the day after the feast of her Immaculate Conception, Our Lady received one hundred and thirteen new members into her Sodality. On that night the Freshmen promised to be worthy Sodalists and were presented a silver medal on a blue cord and a certificate. On this medal are imprinted the words "Ad Jesum per Mariam." This is the motto of all Sodalists, for the best way of reaching God is through the efficacious intercession of His Mother and ours.

The Freshmen are now real Elms girls and able to

share more fully in our Elms heart. For it is only by active participation in Sodality that we can truly appreciate life at Our Lady of the Elms.

Inspiring the newly-received Sodalists was the guest speaker for the occasion, Father Francis J. Manning.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament concluded the ceremony in the auditorium. Following refreshments in the gym, the Freshmen were guests of the upperclassmen at a movie in the lounge.



Christmas

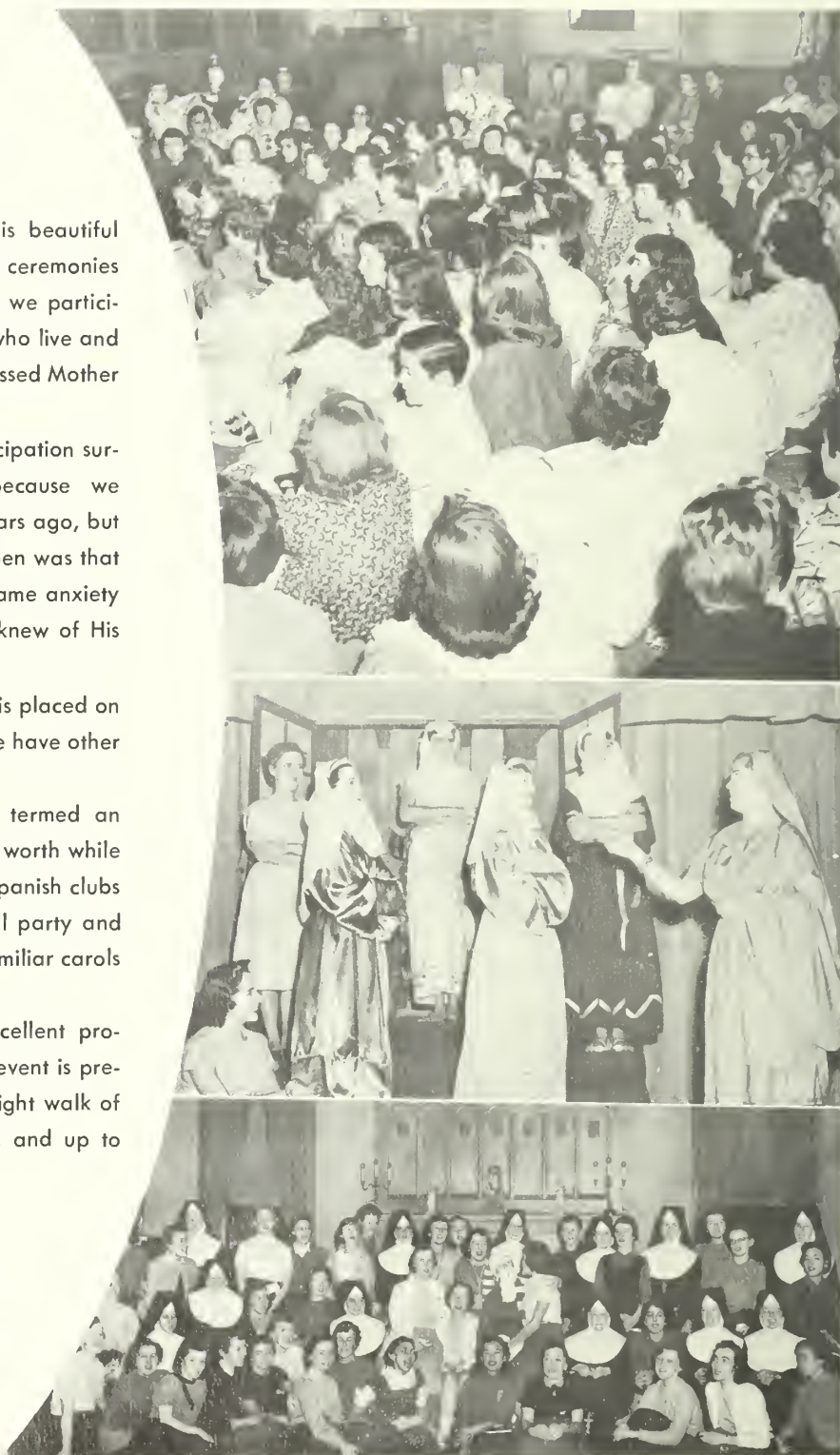
The holy season of Christmas is beautiful anywhere, but because of the lovely ceremonies and the liturgical activities in which we participate, it is especially precious to all who live and work under the protection of Our Blessed Mother at the Elms.

There is an air of confident anticipation surrounding everything, confident because we know what happened over 1900 years ago, but anticipatory because what did happen was that a Child was born and we feel the same anxiety over His safety now as those who knew of His coming did.

And so here, the least emphasis is placed on material giving and receiving, for we have other things to cling to.

Christmas week can easily be termed an activity week for there are so many worth while events. The combined French and Spanish clubs initiate the season with their annual party and the air is filled with the singing of familiar carols in foreign tongues.

The Glee Club presents an excellent program each year at Christmas. This event is preceded by the very effective candlelight walk of the entire club into the Auditorium and up to





Christmas

the stage. As the procession winds its way into the hall, the strains of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" fill the silence and set just the right atmosphere for the rest of the evening and for the week.

In the middle of the week, Verdeoro is once more in the limelight. This time the production is a one act play in honor of the season. This year also the members of the drama club under Mr. Halpin's direction presented a breath-taking interpretation of the Nativity scene.

Finally, just before Christmas vacation, the annual candlelight banquet is sponsored by the Sodality. After the banquet, when Santa has visited and we have been entertained, everything is in readiness for the Christmas caroling in the lounge.

Just the perfect air is lent to the whole season by the entrance of two students as Mary and Joseph carrying the lovely little Infant. And so, with the last strains of "Silent Night" Christmas season is ushered in in earnest. And the peace that fills each heart is continued through vacation until the day of days finally does arrive and we hail the Christ Child of the Manger at the altar rail.



A Kiss for Cinderella

The Dramatic Club for its first production of the year, searched into the realm of storyland to come up with the modern fantasy, "A Kiss for Cinderella" by James M. Barrie. Opening night was November 18.

Jean Farrell turned in an excellent piece of work as a modern day Cinderella employed as a cleaning woman in the apartment of an elderly artist. Unselfish to a fault, Cinderella devotes her life to the care of three orphan children, and dreams of the arrival of a fairy godmother who will grant her three wishes. Exhausted at last, she becomes ill, at which time she dreams herself a princess visiting at court where she finds the prince of her dreams.



Valentine Supper

Saint Valentine's Day was celebrated this year, for the first time with a highly successful candlelight supper sponsored by Student Government. We were put in the party mood upon entrance of the dining room, by the red hearts on the wall and crepe paper streamers as decorations. During the course of the meal, everyone joined in rendering a few old favorites as well as current hits. Special entertainment was provided by Jeannette Tash and Jane McKenna, and a comedy take-off on "Love and Marriage" by a group of grave old Seniors had the crowd in stitches.

Yes, a good time was had by all, and we extend our thanks to Student Government for this, another pleasant memory.

Recovering, she realizes she has found him. He is not a prince, however, but in reality, the young policeman who had brought her to the hospital, and as the story goes, they lived happily ever after.

Male roles were filled by the Holyoke Catholic Players. Pat Lavelle as the policeman and George Champoux as the elderly artist, gave very polished performances.

Since the success of a work of art depends on the effect it leaves with us, there are no doubts that "A Kiss for Cinderella" will be remembered not only as fine entertainment, but as a story with a timely message.



St. Patrick's Day

The annual St. Patrick's Day party was held in the dining room, transformed once again this year into a little Erin by green Shamrocks and streamers as decorations. St. Paddy himself would have been astounded by the huge number of Irish — or those who wished they were — wearing the traditional color in a hat or carnation. As usual the entertainment included the old familiar songs, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" and "Tura Lura" among others. Yes, it was, and will continue to be, a great day for the Irish at the Elms.





Someone had touched the gym with a magic wand and turned it into an indigo and silver wonderland. Weeks of hard work and long secret conclaves were forgotten as Juniors savored each "Oh" and "Ah". Proudly, carrying silver wands, they danced to their song, "Take My Love". Seniors remembered one other moonlit night, and a white orchid blooming.

At midnight, Cinderella was crowned "Queen of the Ball", and she reigned happily for an unforgettable hour in a country of dream castles and gleaming glass slippers. All too soon, the night was only a memory, and Cind-

erella home from the ball.

Soon after, the "Friends of the Sisters of St. Joseph" held a card party in the gym, rotunda, classrooms, and offices. High spirits and tender feet marked an event which was both historical and hysterical.

Father Harold C. Gardiner, S.J., well known literary editor of "America", a weekly published by the Jesuits, lectured on February 14, 1956, on "The Reading of a Liberal Catholic" in Veritas Auditorium. A coffee hour and an informal discussion period followed in the college library. Father Gardiner's pertinent pointers on reading



and readers were well received, and his affable manner and dynamic personality made him a visitor we would welcome at anytime.

Lent began, and most appropriately, the Holyoke Catholic Players, under the direction of Mr. Walter F. Halpin, head of the college Speech Department presented "The Man of Sorrows", a series of scenes and tableaux vividly portraying the last days of the life of Christ. The players did much to make the real significance of Lent better known and better understood by all who saw their sincere contribution to the lay apostolate.



Retreat

With the advent of Spring, came a new spiritual awakening. Elms girls put aside studies and worldly activities to appreciate fully the benefits of a spiritual retreat, conducted by Reverend Philip Ryan, C.P., March 13 through 16. The conferences held in chapel with their retreat master, gave them the necessary spiritual assistance in taking good account of their stewardship. With meditations and more frequent visits to chapel, thoughts were turned to the more important aspect of life, namely, their standing with the Creator. The retreat ended with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the Papal Blessing. Elms girls were filled with a deeper love of God, new resolutions, and imbued with the joyful sentiment, "Laus tibi, Christi."



Forty Hours

Elms girls were most anxious to welcome in chapel their Saviour, exposed on the altar for the annual Forty Hours Devotion. The Mass, "Cum Jubilo" at which Our Lord was placed over the Tabernacle, was sung by the A Cappella Choir and expressed the true sentiment in the hearts of all Elms girls. "With joy" they visited their King, praising Him, thanking Him, adoring Him.

Concert of Sacred Music

A concert of Sacred Music presented by the Glee Club March 5, intensified the Lenten spirit. Strains of praise for Christ and for His Church filled the Auditorium with the singing of "Tu Es Petrus" and "Christus Vincit". The melodious and blended voices of the Sister Novices, singing Gregorian Chants moved the audience to a deeper and more spiritual knowledge of the Lenten Season.

Workshop

In an effort to stimulate Catholic thought among college students, NFCCS sponsors workshops in its various commissions throughout the year on different campuses.

On February 26, the Family Life Commission held a workshop on "Dating" here at Our Lady of the Elms. Taking advantage of this opportunity to share ideas and opinions with students from other Catholic colleges were a large representation of Elms girls and

delegates from Holy Cross, Anna Maria, Mount St. Mary and Fairfield University.

Two speakers from Fairfield and our own Barbara Lunardini provided the food for thought. After the speakers had succeeded in arousing interest for their subject, the delegates formed small groups to discuss the problem and suggest possible solutions.

Later, refreshments were served and students from other colleges visited our campus.





Parent-Daughter Day

Every Elms girl looks forward with pleasurable anticipation to Parent-Daughter Day when she can show off her Mom and Dad to her friends.

On May 6, peacock-proud parents were introduced to faculty members by daughters grateful for having belonged, even for a few short years, to Our Lady of the Elms.

This was an opportunity for our parents to meet our friends, to see faces that had been only names until then. We took them on a guided tour of the college to visit dormitories and classrooms as well as

the other special places on campus which have become a part of our lives.

The entertainment in the auditorium was but a prelude of better things to come, the banquet in the gym climaxed by speeches delivered by a guest speaker and one mother and father who represented all the Elms' mothers and fathers.

Group singing brought all too soon the end to a warm, friendly and perfect day. Only the odor of roses and cigars remained to remind Seniors of their last Parent-Daughter Day at the Elms.

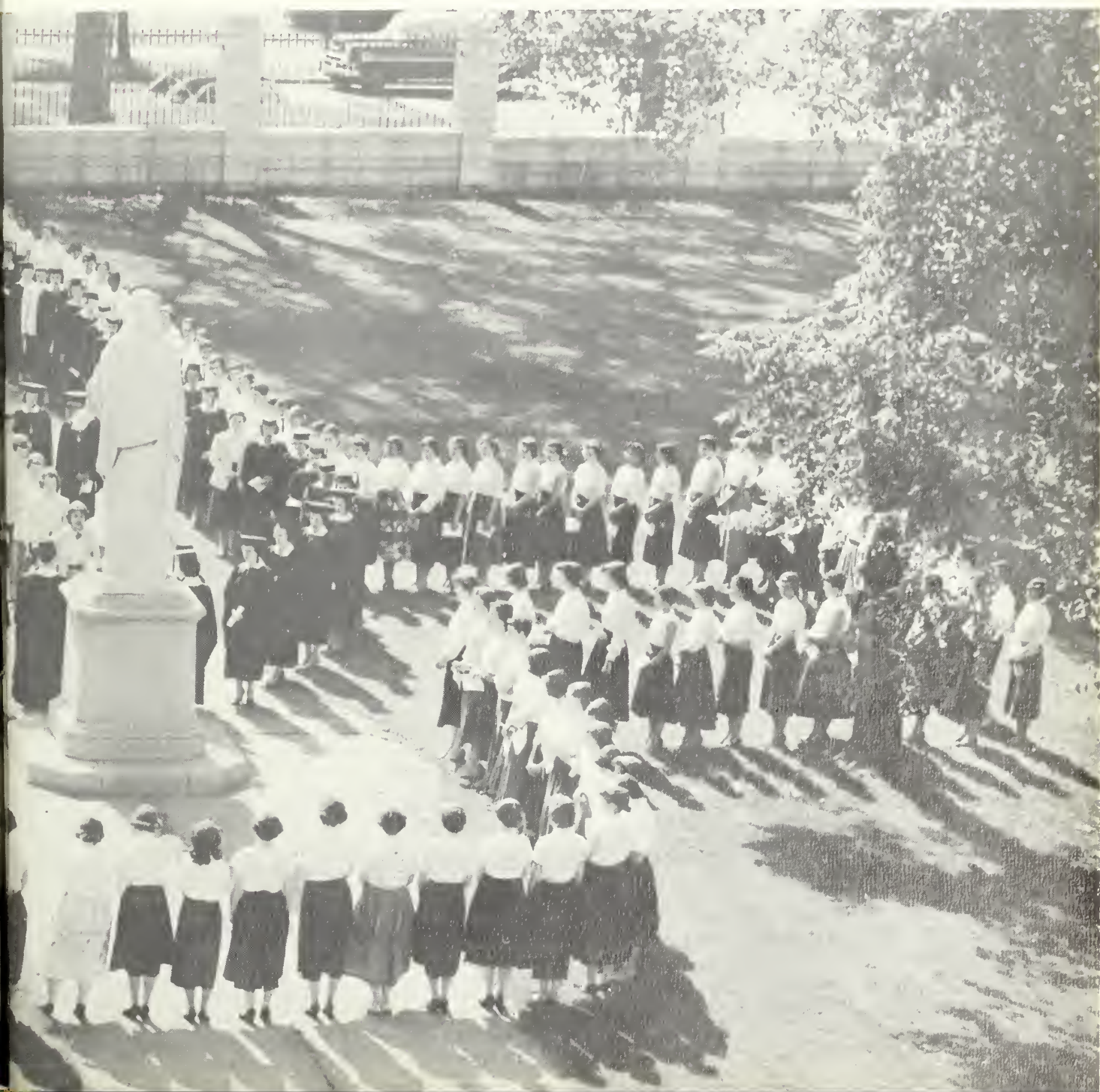
T H E R O S A R Y

The Living Rosary

In May our year of praise bears signs of fruit. The greatest symbol of this fact is the Living Rosary. We publicly voice our fond thoughts of her who has led us so close to You. In reciting daily her rosary, we have lived, through its meditation, her life and Yours. Having lived it, we have known it, and from this knowledge, love and understanding have



sprung. Imitation has drawn us still nearer so that we kneel at Your feet with her in awed praise. Praise of her, praise of You Who are so beautiful and generous to give us such a creation. Publicly we give to others the chance to live with her, and love with her. May is the time for sowing seeds and blossoming flowers. It is our hope each Rosary Day that we may sow a seed of love and cause the Love of all love to blossom forth.



COMMENCEMENT

We assumed the title eagerly
And savored every syllable
Of Senior.

We bore it as have others
With full realization that
This is a privilege granted
But for one year of our lives.

And thus it was but natural
That this new dignity fit
Differently on different shoulders
For this is and has been
Always in God's plan.

So after having worn the title
Protectingly like our cap and gown,
We leave it, our Seniorhood behind.
But the name and the accomplishments
Have been inscribed in our hearts,
In our lives, and in the Book of Life.

For what we are, and with Your aid, can be,
Laus tibi, Christe!





TREE ORATION...



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"He who plants a tree, plants a hope.
Rootlets up through fibres blindly grope
So man's life must climb
From the clods of time
Unto heavens sublime."

"He who plants a tree plants a hope . . ." Today, we the Class of 1956, place firmly in God's good earth our tree, the symbol of our college years and the future. As this tree now entwines its roots in the fertile soil drawing from it stability and life-giving nourishment, so we, four years ago, entwined our minds and hearts in the rich earth of a Catholic college education. Here at the College of Our Lady of the Elms our minds have been planted in Catholic philosophy, our hearts inspired by Catholic principles, and our lives firmly anchored in the love of God. C.O.L.E. has truly been a beloved mother. She has given unselfishly and untiringly of herself to help us develop our potentialities, to instill in us true and lasting values, and to prepare us for our last end. Under her guidance and love we have developed into mature Catholic women.

But now the time is drawing near when we must say farewell to the loving care of the College of Our Lady of the Elms and stand to take our places in the world. We must leave behind now the peace and security found within her hallowed walls, but yet we face life's struggles calmly and unflinchingly. For as all good mothers, C.O.L.E. has prepared us for that day when we must walk alone — yet not alone. Our hope for the future is dimmed only by the sadness of farewell.

But as the branches of this tree will someday grow away from its roots yet will remain connected and bound to them, so we, the Class of 1956, though far from our beloved mother will remain ever part of her, part of the spirit of OLE. Our tree will be the link between C.O.L.E. and her grateful children. As its roots will grow more entwined in the earth, may our lives be more firmly anchored in love of God. And as its branches will someday offer shelter and comfort, may we give more of ourselves to comfort the crucified Christ.

Our Lady of the Elms, today, we, the Class of 1956, your children, beg your continued love and protection. Watch over us, dear Lady, and keep us ever from harm. Pray for us, dear Mother, that we may ever bring naught but joy to your Divine Son. Guide us, O Star of the Sea, to the shores of everlasting happiness, be with us now and at the hour of our death.

Class Orator
MARIE G. O'CONNOR

CLASS HISTORY



*"Gaudeamus igitur
 Juven aes dum sumus.
 Gaudeamus Igitur
 Juven aes dum sumus!
 Post iucundum iuventutem
 Post molestam senectutem
 Nos habes in mundum
 Nos habes in mundum!"*

*"We were verdant Freshmen
 Oh, the greenest of the green!
 And the gayest Sophomores
 That the Elms has ever seen;
 And Junior year, last year
 Oh, that was the best year
 And now at last —
 Yes, now we are the Seniors
 Of the Class of '56,
 Once again we pledge to you
 Our faith and loyalty,
 To honor her ever,
 Dishonor her never,
 Dear O. L. E."*

Traditional

*We these caps on you bestow,
 May you wear them through the years,
 We these caps on you bestow,
 May you wear them through the years,
 May your future years be brightened
 May your future work be lightened
 By the joy and spirit here
 By the joy and spirit here!"*

Traditional



"Truth is an ocean not to be contained in the pool of a human mind." Yet without truth we are shells; we are shadows that disappear at noon-time, noise devoid of music. It alone has the power of life. A hunger brought us here in search of this truth and beauty in years that sought only truth and beauty. The clock in the tower said September 16, 1952.

That year Mossadegh was chosen man of the year. The Kojima Island incident was shocking the whole world and the Yankees won the World Series for the fourth straight year. It all touched us very little then. We had much more demanding foes.

For Sultans lurked at every corner and the "greenest of the green-misbegotten lumps





of dough" bowed in humble recognition of superiors, and upon request — which was very often — sang "The Shiek of Araby".

But we bowed more humbly, in earnest, with the first realization of a Spirit and long kept tradition when, to the not quite understood strains of "Gaudeamus", we picked up the green caps on Elms Night. That December a blue cord bound us irrevocably to the gentle rule of Mary's love.

With new faces as companions, new dreams, new ideas and vague ambitions the first hours of wondering acceptance drifted into second year days.

A sophomore is a woman of the world. She knows all of the "don't" and some of





the "do's" but the most promising virtue is her ability to think. The machinery was really working that fall and it came up with an "Out of This World" march; the "Triplets" and the "I Don't Care" girls. And as a reward, white jackets with the green and gold emblem of Our Lady of the Elms.

Truth, once tasted, can never be disregarded, can never tolerate substitutes but only seeks further with a greater passion. Coming back Junior year, as upper classmen with the Toumaline on one hand and your Freshman sisters on the other, you have a feeling that this will be *the* year — and you're not wrong. For two months great care was taken of a tender seed and on February 11, "Orchids Bloomed in the Moonlight" of a violet and soft

white ballroom. The nine months of the year flew by with Parent-Daughter Day, stair sings, the Elmata, class plays, the must of all musts, the NFCCS Conference, the inevitable procession and the many other little everyday things that are more important and more a part of college than any of these.

September 1955 and almost unconsciously there seems to be a finality to everything you do and a quiet mutual understanding grows up with the fifty other Seniors of the class of 1956.

Each well-planned step; the hesitant but eager taking of a cap and gown, the class play, the yearbook, the Senior Ball, Class Day, each was but one step nearer the com-





pletion of a pattern of four years well lived . . . and to graduation. We in our turn have thrown back the green caps to a now well understood *Gaudeamus*.

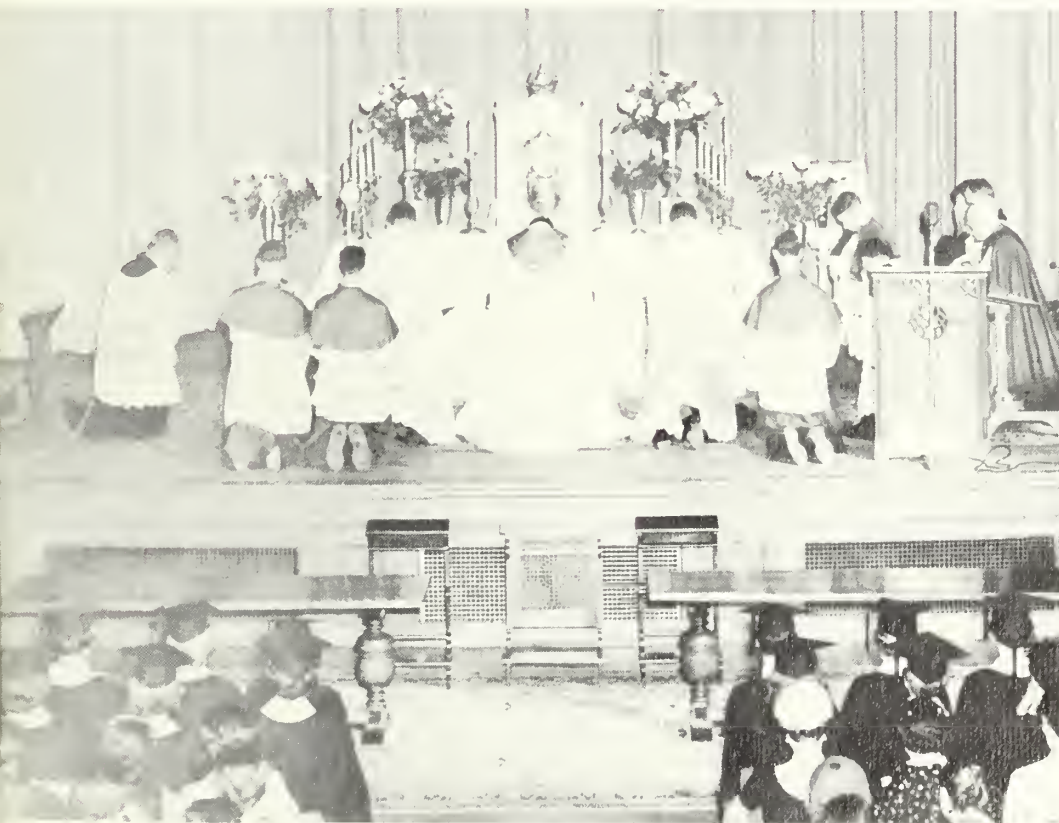
They were by no means all quiet days. But the differences have not destroyed what was being built, or altered the aim, they merely rounded out the circle of humanity, making it more real.

Perhaps we are the Silent Generation, but the silence is not of vain dreams or sterile regrets. It is a weighing silence that dips toward hope and a firm uncompromising belief in one Truth. What we feel for the Elms is not tangible or emotional, nor can it be expressed or even fully felt until you are in the position that we are now realizing, that it

is a spirit that is a part of your very self. It is not composed of events or places, but of people and ideas and a mutual aim. We have learned how to look for it everywhere; how to humble ourselves before it and in its possession. The desire for it can never be satisfied — can never be depleted. We have invested in Truth and Beauty, They have never failed.

Class Historian

Joan V. Brunet



Class Prophecy

1981 — a year which can only be hailed — “colossal, stupendous, magnanimous!” Industry is booming, the “great American novel” has been written, film-land has discovered “visio-scope” — and the need for teachers was never greater!

Dignitaries from all walks of life are pouring in today, to Our Lady of the Elms University for the dedication of “Jubilee Hall” — its latest dormitory. Special attention should be focused on members of the class of ‘56, who donated the new building.

All are on hand for the occasion, and there’s Shirley Chamberlain, welcoming guests. Shirley is the first woman chairman of the school board and capably heads a staff comprised of Louise Champagne, Betty Sheehan, Mary Malvina Fitzgerald, and Marie O’Connor.

Betsy Morrissey, ever true to Student Government, will deliver the opening address. Her ninth volume of poetry, aptly entitled “Poems” has recently been heralded by critics as “surpassed only by Shakespeare”.

Part of the success of the program is due to the combined efforts of Alice Gallagher and Joan Benedict. Alice, as mayor of Springfield, was influential in appropriating funds for the new building, which Joan, as president of the United Bank and Trust Co., handled with facility. It’s rumored that a sizable donation came from Joan Rogers, a successful chemist in her own right, and wife of T.V.’s best known producer.

Entertainment will be provided by “The Offbeats” — a choral group comprised of Charlotte Pontiac, Mary Beth Hoar, Flo Thomas, and Connie Brunet, the top recording artists in the nation. They specialize in pop tunes written especially for them by number one musical comedy team of Laverty and Lincoln. Joa and Joan, it’s said, have replaced Rogers and Hammerstein in the musical world.

Prima donna, Rachel Siciliano, recently returned from a successful European engagement, will take time off from the “Met” to render a few choice selections. She is traveling with Mary McDonnell, her accompanist and arranger.

Celebrities are entering “Jubilee Hall” now — and there’s — yes! — it’s the feature speaker of the afternoon! Ethel Wilder, recipient of the “Mother of the Year” award, will speak on “Catholicity in American Home Life”.

Other homemakers are chatting with Ethel. Joan Marby, following the example of Mary Reed Newland, is a staunch advocate of liturgical home life. And Eileen Kelly exalts the healthful, wholesome influence of rural life on her children. It seems that “Marriage Guidance” and suburban living have really taken effect.

Speaking of Kelly’s — Lorraine has just stopped to sign an autograph. “Kel” is quite an astounding figure these days, having won the Olympic track meet and the Wimbledon Tennis Tourney. Incidentally, her latest feat is a successful channel swim.

With Lorraine is Nonie Moriarty, prominent physical chemist and Doctor of Philosophy. Noreen’s latest treatise — “Science and the Summa — How They Mix” — is a must for all Catholic scientists.

Phyllis Cimini really took her job of “Charm Chairman” seriously at O.L.E. Her famous charm schools are known throughout the nation. Phyl’s graduates are the epitome of poise and culture. As well as being beautiful, they are wholesome, well-integrated personalities, who can converse on any subject with ease. Example? — Therese Dowd, chief stewardess of the Harris Air Lines. Theresa decided against a military career, but has certainly proven herself an ultra-successful business woman.

Chief co-ordinator of the Cimini Charm School, New York Branch, is Marilyn McClernon. Mickie has changed her name to “Angela Angles”. She believes no figure problem too weighty to conquer, nor hair style too difficult to improve. Her current best seller — “Don’t Let an Eyebrow Spoil Your Evening” — has positively dubbed her an expert.

Peggy Murphy and Betty Ann Wrenn, hospital technicians, are chatting with efficiency expert, Barbara Congram. Barb’s latest theory holds that a complete twenty-four hour day can be lived in sixteen and one half hours —

1st row: E. Moore, J. Marby, E. Morrissey, L. Eisenmann, M. Savorio, N. Moriarty, B. Conlin, J. Brunet.
2nd row: J. Shea, M. Crowley, J. McCabe, E. Wrenn, C. Brunet, B. Guyer, E. Sheehan, M. Cote. 3rd row:
L. Champagne, M. O’Melia, E. Kelly, A. M. Griffin, B. Britt, M. Murphy, D. Tuttle, M. McDonnell.



without rushing! She's probably right too. The group is joined by Barbara Guyer, eminent physicist and educator. Einstein's theory of relativity is definitely out of date, but anybody who is anybody can quote Guyer's law of Nuclear Fission.

T.V. celebrity Marguerite Cote is arriving! Marguerite, of course is director of her own orchestra — "Cote's Jamboree" — a real Wild West ensemble. With her is Lois Eisenmann, who has forsaken the ukelele, and is now solo guitar player with the group. Miss Eisenmann also sings and writes her own melodies.

Ellen Moore, whose chief claim to fame is the invention of a completely automatic camera is talking excitedly to Ann Marie and Mary Lou Griffin, co-owners of a children's home. Ellen has been wanting to adopt a child for quite a few years.

Well, for goodness sake! If it isn't Doris Musgni, Philippine Ambassador to the United States! Nobody expected her to fly 13,000 miles for the dedication — but here she is! Doris spends most of her time (on official business) — traveling between France, the Philippine Islands, the United States and Hawaii. Right now, she's talking over affairs with Governor McCabe of Massachusetts. Joan's clever slogan — "Vote for the woman you can look up to" — won her the election by a landslide. Joan, as usual, is dressed in the latest fashion, including a fabulous hat from — you guessed it! "Maison Meloché de Paris".

Jean's millinery salon on Fifth Avenue is absolutely the last word! Mlle. Meloché has mingled imagination and skill to create a collection of chapeaux never paralleled in history. And you shop in a congenial atmosphere. The milliner has recently published a collection of French witticisms dating back to the thirteenth century — which Jeannette Tash finds invaluable for her night school classes, and which Martha Sponske, editor of the New York Times Book Review, calls "educational, as well as amusing."

Those two inseparables — Dot Tuttle and Sue Footit have found seats at the back of the hall. The pair have

really given their all to sociology, and, inspired by the work of Dorothy Day, have founded a home for the penniless. It's called "Happy Haven". Back-breaking work, but worth it!

Two rows down, child psychologists — Ceil Goonan and Claire Tefft are discussing the effects of heredity and environment. Seated next to them are Chris Sullivan and Joan Doyle, who run a chain of delightful little tea rooms. Joanie's long working hours in the "caf" have really paid off. The restauraners cater mostly to patrons of the Conlin-Wynne seaside motel. Barb and Honore have the most modern designing and unique recreational facilities of anyone in the business.

All eyes are turned to the back of the hall now, as star-studded Chick Fitzgerald, stage and screen personality, is conducted to her seat. The actress is accompanied by her business manager, Jane Lilly. Miss Fitzgerald has currently been compared to Sarah Bernhardt and Helen Hayes. Mary Faith Crowley, drama critic for the New York Herald Tribune hails the diminutive actress as "delicate and brilliant". Chick is a firm believer that the theater and marriage can mix.

From the world of fashion — Jean Shea has forsaken her Vogue editorial duties in New York City. With her is Madge Savaria. The name of Conover has crept into oblivion, but to aspiring young lovelies, "Saviria" is whispered with reverence from coast to coast. Barbara Britt bade goodbye to both art and science to work with Madge. Now Barb and Joan Brunet are Manhattan's most popular fashion models. They specialize in exclusive styles created by Gilmartin. Marilyn was always handy with a needle.

Oh! — I guess everyone's seated now! Well, the program is about to begin. Who, me? Oh — I'm just an innocent bystander. But, oh — so proud of my class — '56.

Class Prophet

Margaret A. O'Melia

1st row, left to right: M. Sponske, J. Tash, M. Gilmartin, J. Benedict, C. Tefft, J. Rabers, S. Footit, J. Lilly, M. Griffin. 2nd row: M. O'Connor, J. Doyle, P. Cimini, M. Hoor, T. Horris, L. Kelly, B. Congram, C. Pontiac, J. Lavery, S. Chomberlain, C. Goonan. 3rd row: H. Wynne, M. Fitzgerald, A. Gallagher, M. McClernon, J. Meloché, J. Lincoln, E. Wilder, R. Siciliano, M. Fitzgerald.



Class Will

Be it remembered that we, the class of 1956 of the College of Our Lady of the Elms, hereby revoke all former wills made by us and bequeath our dearest treasures and memories to those people most cherished by us during our four college years.

The foregoing, therefore, we do announce as our Last Will and Testament:

To our President, the most Reverend Christopher J. Weldon, we leave eternal gratitude and appreciation for the advantages offered us at the College of Our Lady of the Elms. Every moment spent at the Elms under his guidance will be of everlasting worth to us.

To our Vice-President, Monsignor Shea, we give heartfelt thanks for being a part of a perfect administration.

Thanks also to our priests and lay faculty for both the spiritual and intellectual benefits afforded us. Through their help we will pass on into an uncertain future strengthened by Catholic ideals and principles.

To the Sisters of Saint Joseph we pledge all the devotion that fifty-seven grateful seniors could ever give. Their interest in our behalf and their numerous examples of assistance in our important as well as insignificant needs were those not only of teachers but of true friends.

To the Juniors we impart our two most treasured academic symbols, our caps and gowns. May they wear them as proud leaders of three other classes and may their leadership bring them all the glory that they have so long awaited.

To our own dear sisters, the Sophomores, who will soon be upper classmen, we want to leave so much. Most of all, however, we leave them the assurance that they are the best "little sisters" that any "big sisters" could ever hope for.

To the Freshmen "Marsmen" we leave the advice that the most wonderful conquests in the universe can be made right here at the Elms. To help conquer them we leave the most important thing, an abundance of Elms' spirit.

Having thus made the bequests of our very precious possessions we hereunto set our hand to the aforementioned articles.

Signed: The Senior Class of the
College of Our Lady of the Elms
Jean T. Meloche, Class Attorney

Words by Joa P. Laverty

Music by Joan G. Lincoln

Our road be - fore us lies, a chal - lenge from on
Fare - well to thee we say; these mem'ries e'er will

high; En - twined with hope - ful dreams, un - der Ma - ry's guid - ing
hold; To cher - ished friends so dear; who will live on in our

hand; as we jour - ney from her halls, may we
hearts. As we walk on through the years, to the

ne - ver walk a - lone. The life of Green and
Light that beck - ons all. Our La - dy of the

Gold in eve - ry heart will e'er re - main.
Elms! thou seat of wis - dom and truth.



Class Poem



Softly

Into tomorrow and forever
out of the quiet resting place,
soft footsteps fade and are lost
in the rushing roar of the crowded
highways of men. Soft footsteps walk
onward with Learning and Love, remembering.

Hearts accustomed to the dear
familiar pattern must seek its quiet
solace now in memory and walk always
onward, always softly.

Softly, yes, but surely and swiftly,
for hearts knowing Truth will seek It
to the end of all the world's roads
and the pathways of mind and time.

Suddenly there are no tomorrows;
the present is all, and always will be,
and each heart sets out on its freely
chosen way with the companions each has
taken from the resting place. Every one,
out of the dear familiar pattern and
every one alone.

Into tomorrow and forever;
and for the quiet of the resting place
and the Learning, but most of all for
the Love,
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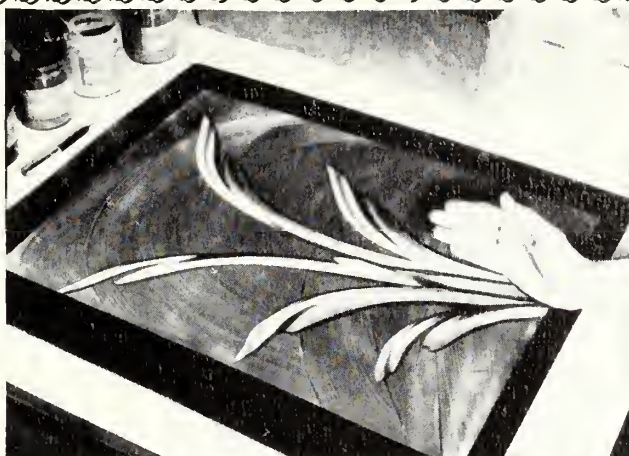
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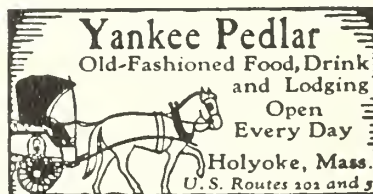
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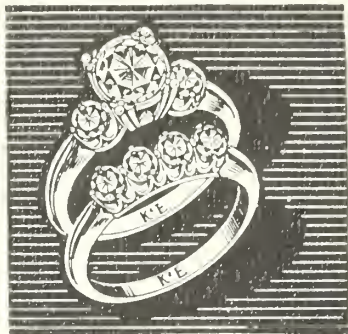
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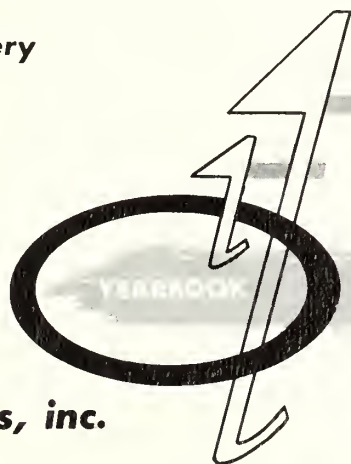
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